

NOTICE OF ELECTION

August 6, 2026

Federal and State Primary - White County General Sparta City Election

To the Voters of White County, Tennessee: You are hereby notified that a Federal and State Primary Election, County General Election and Sparta City Election are hereby called for Thursday, August 6, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., in all voting precincts in White County, Tennessee and the City of Sparta to elect the following:

Federal and State Primary

**Governor, U.S. Senate, U. S. House of Representatives, 6th Congressional District,
Tennessee State Senate, 15th Senate District, Tennessee House of Representatives, 43rd House District
State Executive Committeewoman, 15th Senate District
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White County General

**County Executive, County Commission, Districts 1 -7 (2 elected from each district)
Trustee, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Road Superintendent
School Board, Districts 5, 6 & 7**

City of Sparta

Mayor**

Aldermen (3 seats elected-at-large) **

****Qualifications for Mayor and Aldermen.** No person shall be eligible to the office of board member or of mayor unless he has been a resident of the city for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date of the election; is eligible to be a registered voter in the City of Sparta, Tennessee; and is twenty-one (21) years of age.

PETITION DEADLINES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES –

State & Federal Offices; City of Sparta Mayor and Aldermen: First Day to Pick Up Petitions: January 9, 2026

Qualifying Deadline: 12:00 NOON, March 10, 2026

Candidates for Governor, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives: Primary and independent candidates must file their nominating petition with the State Election Commission, and a certified duplicate must be filed with the Coordinator of Elections no later than **12:00 noon, March 10, 2026**. Both must be submitted to Division of Elections, 312 Rosa L Parks Ave., 7th Floor, William Snodgrass Tower, Nashville, TN 37243. All primary candidates must file a certified duplicate with the State Executive Committee of the candidate's party. Specific information can be found at sos.tn.gov, elections, guides, or by contacting the local election commission for a copy of the Qualifying Procedures.

There are no government filing fees. For more information about Republican Party candidate fees, contact the Tennessee Republican Party at 615-269-4260.

Other Candidates: Primary and independent candidates must file their original nominating petition with the County Election Commission where they reside and a certified duplicate petition in any county within their district by the qualifying deadline of **12:00 noon, March 10, 2026**.

All candidates, including independent candidates to be on the November 3, 2026 State and Federal General Election ballot have the same qualifying deadline.

The nominating petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters who are registered in the candidate's district. Each voter who signs the petition must also supply his or her residence address.

Petitions are being issued at the county election commission office during normal business hours listed below. Any person interested in running for office should contact the White County Election Commission Office for further information.

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: NOON, March 17, 2026

A candidate's request to withdraw must be in writing and filed with each of the counties where the candidate filed their nominating petition.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES DEADLINE: NOON, June 17, 2026

In order for write-in ballots to be counted, notice must be filed no later than 12:00 Noon, prevailing time, on the fiftieth (50th) day before the election, in each county that makes up the district of the listed office. Forms are available at the White County Election Commission Office. Write-in candidates in elections for the offices of Governor, United States Senate and United State House of Representatives shall file their notice with the Tennessee Coordinator of Elections.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE AUGUST ELECTION: July 7, 2026

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS: May 8, 2026 - July 27, 2026

EARLY VOTING: July 17, 2026 – August 1, 2026

Note: Federal or Tennessee state government issued photo ID is now required to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs will not be accepted. To learn more about the photo ID law and its exceptions, please call the White County Election Commission at 836-3671 or visit GoVoteTN.com. This applies during early voting at the Election Commission Office and also on Election Day at your assigned polling place.

Applications are being accepted to work Election days in 2026 now at the Election Commission office.

The Election Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If there are questions about needed accommodations in the voting process, call 931-836-3671.

White County Election Commission

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Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Monday–Friday Closed all Federal Holidays

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