

NOTICE OF EARLY & ABSENTEE VOTING
Federal and State Primary, White County General, &
the City of Sparta Municipal Election – August 6, 2026

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE: July 17 – August 1, 2026

EARLY VOTING LOCATION: WHITE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE
Rm. 215, Courthouse, 1 E. Bockman Way, Sparta, Tennessee 38583

EARLY VOTING HOURS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL: If you wish to vote by mail, you must meet certain legal requirements pursuant to T.C.A 2-6-201. You must request a ballot in writing over your handwritten signature. The request can be made as much as 90 days in advance of an election and not later than 10 days prior to an election. Forms can be found at the Election Commission office in person or by mail, email a request for application at elections@whitecountyttn.gov and also, online at [sos.tn.gov](https://sos.tn.gov/elections), elections, guide to absentee voting where you can download and fill out an Absentee-by-mail application. A written request for voting by mail can serve as the application for ballot if it contains the following information:

- the name of the registered voter
- the address of the voter's residence
- The voter's date of birth
- The voter's full social security number
- The address to mail the ballot outside the county, if applicable
- The election the voter wishes to participated in (stating which primary party or general election ballot (when applicable) that you are requesting)
- The reason the voter wished to vote absentee.

All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. Also accepted is a written request by email, with an attached document (PDF), which includes the voter's scanned hand written signature and above listed requirements. Computer generated signatures are not accepted. The LAST day for the Election Commission to receive a request, the application, and to mail the absentee ballot is **July 27, 2026**. If the request does not contain all the information listed above, the election commission shall send the voter an application for an absentee ballot in order to obtain the needed information within the deadline.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING: The deadlines for absentee voting may be extended for a hospitalized voter within White County; because of the death of a relative of the voter, or if the voter receives a subpoena or service of process requiring the voter's presence on election day. Please call the office for further information 931-836-3671.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER The last day to register in person to vote in the August 6, 2026 Election is **July 7, 2026**. By-mail registration forms must be postmarked by **July 7, 2026**.

ELECTION DAY HOURS AT YOUR POLLING LOCATION 8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
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PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT: Federal or Tennessee state government issued photo ID are **required** to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs, photo IDs issued by other states, county or city governments, including library cards, will not be accepted. To learn more about the law and its exceptions, please call White County Election Commission at 931-836-3671 or visit GoVoteTN.gov. *Voters who vote absentee by mail, residents of licensed nursing homes, assisted living centers, or those hospitalized are exempt.*

ATTENTION CANDIDATES: Display of campaign posters, signs or other campaign materials, distribution of campaign materials and solicitation of votes is strictly prohibited within 100 feet of any polling place entrance. ***The election commission office is a polling place during early voting. TCA 2-7-111***
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

Office location – Rm. 215, Courthouse, 1 E. Bockman Way, Sparta, TN 38583

Phone - 931-836-3671 Fax - 931-837-3672

Regular Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Monday–Friday, Except Holidays

Email – elections@whitecountyttn.gov

Website – <https://www.whitecountyttnvotes.gov>

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