

EARLY VOTING AND ABSENTEE NOTICE

for the May 5, 2026

State and County Primary Election

The Johnson County Election Commission is hereby publishing notice of the early voting period for the May 5, 2026, State and County Primary Election. Any registered voter of Johnson County may vote in person during a period beginning twenty (20) days prior to the election five (5) days before the election (TCA 2-6-102 (a) (1)). This period would run from: **April 15, 2026, through April 30, 2026.** **Early Voting will be held at The Election Commission Office.**

The hours for early voting are Monday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, 2026, and April 25, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. The last day to register to vote in person or by mail postmarked for the May 5, 2026, State and County Primary Election is Monday, **April 6, 2026.**

PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR VOTERS:

If you are voting in person during Early Voting or on Election Day, a Federal or State of Tennessee Government issued **photo ID** is required for voting, unless an exception applies. College student ID's and out-of-state photo ID's will not be accepted. Forms of acceptable identification, even if expired, include a Tennessee driver license with your photo, United States passport, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security photo ID, Photo ID issued by the federal government, United States military ID including a Veteran Identification Card, and a Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo. To learn more about this law and its exceptions, please call the Johnson County Election Commission or visit the Tennessee Division of Elections website at: www.GoVoteTN.com

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ABSENTEE:

If a voter wishes to vote by mail, you must request a ballot in writing over your signature. The first day to receive a request for the May 5, 2026, State and County Primary Election is Ninety (90) days prior to the election (**February 4, 2026**) and the last day to receive a request is seven (10) days prior to the election (**April 25, 2026**). (TCA 2-6-202 (a) (1))

A voter may make the request or submit an application to vote by mail, or email with an attached document that includes a scanned signature. (TCA 2-6-202 (a) (3))

For more information on absentee by mail eligibility contact the Johnson County Election Commission or visit the Tennessee Division of Elections website at: www.GoVoteTN.com

The voter's request can serve as the application for ballot if it contains the following information:

1. The voter's name;
2. The voter's address of residence;
3. The voter's social security number;
4. The voter's date of birth;
5. The address to mail the ballot to;
6. The election in which the voter wishes to participate in; (***Note:** In Primary Elections, please indicate primary preference)
7. The reason the voter is requesting to vote absentee; and
8. The voter's signature.

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.

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