

## Every Vote Counts

The Division of Elections is committed to ensuring that every eligible Tennessee voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot. We hope that the information in this guide will help you as you prepare to vote in upcoming elections.

**TIP:** Judicial races in August will cause the ballot to be longer than usual, but voting early can help you avoid potential long lines.

## Important Dates for the 2014 Election Cycle

Election Date	Early Voting Period
May 6, 2014 County Primary (See note below)	April 16, 2014 through May 1, 2014
August 7, 2014 State Primary & County General Election	July 18, 2014 through August 2, 2014
November 4, 2014 State and Federal General Election	October 15, 2014 through October 30, 2014

**Note:** Not all counties will hold a primary election in May. This determination will be made by the local political parties.

## Poll Workers Needed

Would you like the opportunity to get involved in the election process by performing an invaluable civic duty for which you will be paid? Every county needs diligent poll officials committed to working during early voting and on Election Day. Contact your local county election commission for more information on how you may be able to help.

## Photo ID Law

Voters who vote in person during early voting or on Election Day must present a photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government. These IDs may be current or expired. Examples include:

- Tennessee driver license with your photo;
- Tennessee Department of Safety photo ID;
- Tennessee gun carry permit with your photo;
- United States Military photo ID;
- United States Passport; or
- Any other photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government.

College student IDs and photo IDs issued by cities, counties, and other states will not be accepted.

## Who is Exempt?

- Voters who vote absentee by mail;
- Voters who live in a licensed nursing home or assisted living center and vote at the facility;
- Voters who are hospitalized;
- Voters with religious objection to being photographed; or
- Voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee.

## What if I Do Not Have a Photo ID?

If you do not have an acceptable form of identification, you may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes from the Tennessee Department of Safety at any participating driver service center. Learn more by calling the Department of Safety at 1-866-849-3548.

## What if My Polling Place is Not Accessible?

Voters whose Election Day polling places are not accessible may vote in one of three ways:

- You can vote during the early voting period at the county election commission office (or satellite site, if available);
- You can file an affidavit with the county election commission office stating that your polling place is not accessible and you want to vote at the county election commission office on Election Day. The affidavit must be filed at least ten (10) days before Election Day; or
- You can request an absentee ballot.

## Honor Vote Program

Secretary Hargett started the Tennessee Honor Vote program in 2012. The program was an overwhelming success, having received nearly 3,500 submissions, and will be returning for the 2014 election cycle.

The program gives Tennesseans an opportunity to dedicate their vote to active-duty military personnel and veterans. Learn more about the program at [www.GoVoteTN.com/honor](http://www.GoVoteTN.com/honor).



## Other Questions?

Call or visit your county election commission or visit our website at [www.GoVoteTN.com](http://www.GoVoteTN.com).

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