ELECTION NOTICE EARLY / ABSENTEE VOTING
MCMINN COUNTY REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES
MAY 5, 2026

THE MCMINN COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION WILL BE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING FOR ANY ELIGIBLE VOTER TO CAST A BALLOT BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE LOCATED ON THE **GROUND FLOOR OF THE MCMINN CO. COURTHOUSE, ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE, 6 E MADISON AVE, ATHENS, TN** AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 15 – APRIL 30, 2026

POLLING HOURS ARE: 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 12 NOON SATURDAY

REGISTERED VOTERS WHO WILL BE UNABLE TO GO TO THEIR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY MAY VOTE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

1. **VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH, A VOTER DESIRING TO VOTE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE SHALL GO TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE, SIGN AN APPLICATION TO VOTE, AND CAST THEIR VOTE ON A VOTING MACHINE. THE LAST DAY TO VOTE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH. **THE STATE LAW REQUIRES THE VOTER TO HAVE A FEDERAL OR STATE ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.**

2. **VOTING BY MAIL**

IN ORDER TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL, A VOTER MUST MEET CERTAIN LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS. A VOTER DESIRING TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL, SHALL IN WRITING OVER THEIR SIGNATURE EITHER IN PERSON AT THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE, BY MAIL, OR EMAIL A SIGNED APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. **SUCH REQUEST FOR AN APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 25TH. VOTERS ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED BY MAIL NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF POLLS ON MAY 5, 2026, 8:00 PM.**

3. **VOTER REGISTRATION**

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE LOCAL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE IS APRIL 6, 2026. BY MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE AS WELL IN ORDER TO BE PROCESSED. THE ELECTION COMMISSION HOURS ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.
It is also helpful if anyone who has moved updates their address with the office before election day or you can go online at www.govotetn.gov to do this.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT EARLY VOTING, **PLEASE CONTACT THE MCMINN COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AT 745-0843.**

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