
Offices on the 2026 Ballots

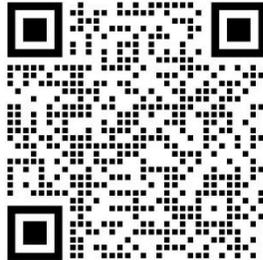
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. Representative
- Governor
- Odd-numbered State Senator
- State Representative
- County Executive/Mayor
- County Commission
- County Sheriff
- Trustee
- Register of Deeds
- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Clerk
- County School Board (some districts)

Required Qualifications for Elected Positions

To check general qualifications, review the TN Secretary of State's websiteⁱ.

- **Residency** in the district for at least one year before the qualifying deadline.
- **Age** of 18 or older.

Specific offices may define **additional age, residency, education, and/or experience requirements**.



Requirements to Run as a Republican Candidate

To run as a Republican, you'll need to satisfy requirements outlined in the TN GOP Bylawsⁱⁱ. These focus on voting history, involvement, and other criteria.

Voting History

- You must be **registered to vote** in the district.
- You must **not have voted for a non-Republican** in the most recent four statewide primaries.
- You must have voted in **three of the four** most recent statewide Republican primary elections.

August 1, 2024 Senate primary
March 5, 2024 Presidential primary

August 4, 2022 Gubernatorial primary
August 6, 2020 Senate primary

Involvement (within the past two years)

You must have been actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party (TRP), a county Republican Party, or a recognized auxiliary organization (a Republican Women's club or Young Republicans) by:

- Attending TRP meetings or events, or regularly attending Republican county party meetings or events.
- Being a member of a recognized auxiliary organization for at least one year.
- Working on a Republican candidate's campaign in the most recent previous election cycle.
- Contributing money to the TRP, a county party, a recognized auxiliary organization, or a Republican candidate committee (with confirmation).

Other Criteria

- You haven't sued the Tennessee Republican Party in the past 10 years.
- You must submit a **filing fee** to the TN GOP, which varies by office

Countywide Elected Offices – \$250
County Commission – \$50

School Board – \$50
Constable – \$50





Key Planning & Filing Details – May 5th State Judicial and County Primary

Step	Action	Deadline/Date
Campaign Account	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open a campaign banking account with your campaign treasurer’s signature. 2. Review Campaign Finance Guidelines.ⁱⁱⁱ 3. Complete the Appointment of Political Treasurer Form. 	Prior to receiving or expending funds
Nomination Petition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pick up the petition at the Local Elections Commission. 2. Collect at least 25 signatures of registered voters <i>in the district</i> (50 is recommended). 	Pick up beginning December 22, 2025
Filing	File papers with the local Elections Commission and sign necessary campaign finance form.	By February 19, 2026 at noon
Election	Conduct the campaign. Early Voting: April 15 – 30 , Primary Election Day: May 5th	

Resources

Local Election Commission Office – all local candidates file campaign finance reports to the local election commission office. When you file your petition, you should receive deadlines for reports.

For School Board, TSBA Tennessee School Board Candidate Guide – also helpful info for all local candidates. www.tsba.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Candidate-Book.pdf

ⁱ Secretary of State Website sos.tn.gov/elections/information-for-candidates & [Key Dates for the 2026 Election Cycle](#)

ⁱⁱ TN GOP Bylaws – Article IX PARTY MEMBERSHIP FOR CANDIDACY TO PUBLIC OFFICE www.tngop.org/tngop-bylaws-

ⁱⁱⁱ Tennessee Registry of Election Finance www.tn.gov/tref/tref-candidates/tref-candidate-faqs.html