



# Davidson County Election Commission Bulletin 2014

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## **About the Davidson County Election Commission**

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) was established in 1945 and is regulated by State of Tennessee law. The mission of the Davidson County Election Commission is to provide federal, state, and local election products to eligible citizens of Davidson County so they have equal access to the election process and can exercise their right to vote.

The DCEC consists of five (5) commissioners appointed by the state election commission who serve a two (2) year term. The commissioners are charged with ensuring compliance of state election laws and operating within Metro's purchasing and budgetary laws. The commission appoints the Administrator of Elections, who serves as the county's Chief Election Administrator. The AOE is responsible for managing all election commission operations and personnel. The DCEC also approves election plans, certifies election results and participates in professional and business organizations.

The AOE insures voter registration records and voting histories for each voter are maintained and provides information concerning voter registration, absentee voting, election results, and campaign financial disclosures. The AOE issues petitions to perspective candidates and the county election commission shall place the names of qualified candidates on the ballot. The AOE trains election day officials and early voting poll officials.

In addition, there are voting machine technicians who are responsible for storage of voting machines and perform maintenance on the machines year round. They prepare voting machines for all elections and work to obtain and keep suitable voting locations. These employees are also involved in helping conduct elections and providing election results.

## **Our new locations**

Our new main office location: 1417 Murfreesboro Pk, Nashville, TN 37217. We maintain a satellite location: 800 2<sup>nd</sup> Av S, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Nashville, TN 37210. Our mailing address remains the same: P O Box 650, Nashville, TN 37202. Our office phone numbers remain the same: 615-862-8800, 615-862-8815 (absentee department), 615-862-8810 (fax) and our email address is [www.nashville.gov/vote](http://www.nashville.gov/vote)

## **TN Honor Vote Program**

The TN Honor Vote Program has given Tennesseans an opportunity to dedicate their vote to active-duty military personnel and veterans. The program was an overwhelming success in its inaugural request for dedications, resulting in nearly 3,500 submissions. While the program is currently closed for new entries, the list of honored soldiers and veterans is still accessible for viewing at <http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/index.htm>. The program will accept dedications again during the 2014 election year.

"The Honor Vote Program provides Tennessee citizens an opportunity to dedicate their vote to those who are serving or have served in the U.S. military. Their important contributions ensure our freedom and democracy, allowing us to cast a ballot each election day." - Tre Hargett, Tennessee Secretary of State

## 2014 Election Calendar

**March 18**

**Berry Hill Satellite City**

**Early Voting**

**February 26 –**

**March 13 (last day to register to vote**

**February 18)**



**May 6**

**County Primary**

**Early Voting April**

**16 – May 1**

**(Last day to register in person or by mail is April 7)**



**June 10**

**Oak Hill Satellite City**

**Early Voting**

**May 21 – June 5**

**(Last day to register is May 12)**



**August 7**

**State Primary & County General**

**Early Voting**

**July 18 – August 2**

**(Last day to register in person or by mail is July 8)**



**November 4**

**State & Federal General**

**Belle Meade, Forest Hills & Goodlettsville**

**Early Voting**

**October 15 –**

**October 30**

**(Last day to register in person or by mail is October 6)**

TTY (Teletype Device)  
1-800- 848-0298 or  
RELAY 711



## Register to Vote

Ways to register to vote:

1) Download, complete and mail a voter registration application to:

Davidson County Election Commission

P O Box 650

Nashville, TN 37202

Our Website is: [www.nashville.gov/vote](http://www.nashville.gov/vote)

2) Register in person at either DCEC office locations: **Main Office**

1417 Murfreesboro Pk

Nashville, TN 37217

Or

**Satellite Office**

800 2nd Av S; 4th Floor

Nashville, TN 37210

3) Davidson County:

County Clerk's office

Public Libraries

Register of Deeds office

4) During a transaction with one of the following Motor Voter Departments:

Department of Health (WIC program)

Department of Human Services

Department of Mental Health

Department of Safety (Motor Vehicles division)

Department of Veteran's Affairs

## Lost your Voter Registration Card?

To receive a duplicate voter registration card, you must make a written request to our office, that you have lost your original voter registration card. Your request should include your name, current address, social security number and signature. Upon receipt, we will send you a new registration card. Or make your request in person, at one of our two locations

## Update Voter Registration Information

The voter registration application also serves as a name and/or address change request form. When updating your address WITHIN the county, the form may be mailed, faxed, or emailed as an attached document which includes your scanned signature, or submit in person to our office. When updating one's name, the form must be mailed or taken to one of our office locations. The form must be signed and received **no later than five (5) days before** the election (on Election Day) in order to process the change.

If you move to a different county, it is NOT considered an update but a new registration. Your registration does NOT transfer to other counties in Tennessee. A voter must register in their new county by submitting a voter registration application to their new county election commission. All registration deadlines apply to new applications, therefore, the voter must register no later than thirty (30) days before the election. If the voter submits the application BY MAIL, the voter must vote IN PERSON during the first election. These rules apply even if you have been registered and voted in another county in Tennessee.

Your voting status is inactive if you did not respond to the confirmation notice that was mailed to the address we have listed on your permanent voter registration record. If your address is correct, either return the notice or verify, in writing, that your address is correct. If you have moved within the county please change your address.

All updates can also be completed during early voting for any election.

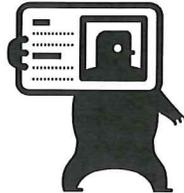
## **For Citizens with Non-Photo Driver License**

- Any citizen who currently holds a non-photo Tennessee driver license may elect to get a photo driver license rather than a separate photo ID
- Registered voters may convert a non-photo driver license at Driver Service Centers (DMV locations)
- A citizen with a non-photo driver license must sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury stating that he or she does not have a valid government-issued photo ID for voting purposes. A copy of this affidavit is available at our office. There is NO fee for this service.

To find out more information call or visit one of our offices or visit the Division of Elections website at [GoVoteTN.com](http://GoVoteTN.com) or call 1-877-850-4959



## **Voter Identification Requirements**



All voters must present a ID containing the voter's name and photograph when voting at the polls, whether voting early or on Election Day unless an exception applies. The following information is provided to ensure that all Tennessee voters have access to information about the new voter ID law. If you have further questions, please contact our office at 615-862-8800 or [vote.questions@nashville.gov](mailto:vote.questions@nashville.gov)

### **What IDs are acceptable?**

Any of the following IDs may be used, even if expired:

- Tennessee driver license with your photo
- United States Passport
- Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Photo ID issued by the Federal or Tennessee State Government
- United States Military photo ID
- Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo

### **What IDs are not acceptable?**

College student IDs and photo IDs not issued by the Federal or Tennessee State Government are **NOT** acceptable. This includes county or city issued photo IDs, such as library cards.

**Photo IDs issued by other states are NOT acceptable.**

### **Who is exempt?**

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

### **What if I registered by mail and I am voting in my first election?**

Federal law requires first-time voters who register by mail to present one of the following:

- A current photo identification with voter's name and photo as mentioned above, **OR**
- If the photo ID is expired, the voter must present one of the following: a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

## **NOW RECRUITING!!**

***If you are interested in working the polls or know someone who is, please contact our office at 862-8947 or 862-8804. Or visit our web-site and download an application, complete and mail to our P O Box (A clear and legible copy of your social security card and your driver license will speed up the process.)***

**Officers Base Pay:  
\$220.00/day**

**Base Pay for all other  
election workers:  
\$120.00/day**

**\* \$15.00 per training  
class attended**



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@nashville.gov***

## **Absentee Voting**

Absentee voting is a voting method that involves voting on a day before the actual Election Day.

Tennessee has two forms of absentee voting:

- Absentee in person, which is better known as “Early Voting”, and
- Absentee by mail, which is commonly called “By-Mail Voting.”

To vote absentee by mail, a registered voter must have appeared in person the first time after registering, and fall under one of the following categories:

- The voter will be outside the county of registration during the Early Voting period and all day on Election Day; you must include a mailing address outside of Davidson County
- The voter or the voter’s spouse is enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university outside the county of registration; you must include a mailing address outside of Davidson County.
- The voter’s licensed physician has filed a physicians’ statement form (provided by our office) stating that, in the physician’s judgment, the voter is medically unable to vote in person. This statement must be filed not less than seven (7) days before the election and signed under the penalty of perjury; Please contact DCEC for the proper forms
- The voter resides in a licensed facility providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than a penal institution, outside the voter’s county of residence;
- The voter will be unable to vote in person due to service as a juror for a federal or state court;
- The voter is sixty (60) years of age or older;
- The voter has a physical disability and an inaccessible polling place;
- The voter is hospitalized, ill, or physically disabled and because of such condition, cannot vote in person;
- The voter is a caretaker for a person who is hospitalized, ill, or disabled;
- The voter is a candidate for office in the election;
- The voter serves as an Election Day official or as a member or employee of the Election Commission;
- The voter’s observance of a religious holiday prevents him or her from voting in person during the early voting period and on Election Day;
- The voter or the voter’s spouse possesses a valid commercial driver license (CDL) or the voter possesses a valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card and certifies that he or she will be working outside the state or county of registration during the open hours of early voting and Election Day, and has no specific out-of-county or out-of-state address to which mail may be received during such time. A copy of the CDL or TWIC card is required.
- The voter is a member of the military or a citizen who is serving outside the county of residence for Early Voting and on Election Day. (Uniformed service member or family member or a citizen living outside the U.S., contact: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov))

Any Absentee Voting questions please call the Absentee Department at 615-862-8815

**A by-mail ballot can NOT be hand delivered.**