

Public Notice of Election

State Primary and County General

Town of Smyrna (Town Clerk Only)

August 5, 2010

1. **Notice** is hereby given to the Public that the State Primary Election and Rutherford County General Election will be held on August 5, 2010 for the purpose of electing candidates for U.S. House of Representatives 6th Congressional District, Governor, 13th State Senate District, Tennessee House of Representatives for the 34th, 48th, 49th, and 62nd Districts, State Party Executive Committeeman and Committeewoman, County Mayor, Trustee, Sheriff, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Circuit Court Clerk, Smyrna Town Court Clerk, County Commission Districts 1-21, School Board Zones 1, 4 and 7, plus Road Board Zones 2, 4 and 5. Qualifying deadline is 12:00 noon April 1, 2010.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY SHERIFF. All candidates for the office of county sheriff must file their affidavits of qualification with the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.) no later than March 18, 2010.

2. **Nominating Petitions** are being issued by the Rutherford County Election Office located at 1 Public Square S. Suite 103, Murfreesboro, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. M-F except holidays. **NOTE: Candidates without a party affiliation (Independents) may now pick up nominating petitions and must qualify by April 1, 2010 at 12:00 noon** in order to have their names placed on the August Ballot. The petition must be signed by a minimum of twenty-five (25) registered voters who reside within Rutherford County. Rutherford County Republican and Democrat Party Executive Committees chose to select their nominees for county office by caucus rather than hold a May Primary and therefore must certify the names of their nominees for the various county offices to the Rutherford County Election Commission by the April 1, 2010, 12:00 noon qualifying deadline.

Petitioners seeking the office of Smyrna Town Court Clerk must obtain signatures from registered voters residing within the Town Limits of Smyrna. In all cases the RCEC recommends that the petitioner exceed the minimum number of signatures. Each voter who signs the petition must also provide his or her residence address as it appears on their voter registration records. There are no filing fees. Candidates must file their nominating petition by 12:00 noon April 1, 2010, which is the qualifying deadline.

3. **Office Location.** The Rutherford County Election Commission is located at 1 Public Square South, Suite 103, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call the office at 615-898-7743 if you have questions about this election or visit our web site at www.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/election.

4. **Voter registration deadline.** The last day to register to vote in person for the August 5, 2010 Election is July 6, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. By mail registrations must be postmarked by July 6, 2010 to be eligible to vote in this election. Individuals may register to vote at the Rutherford County Election Commission Office, Department of Motor Vehicle, Department of Human Services or the Health Department, Register of Deeds Office, County Clerk's Office or at the Public Libraries within Rutherford County. The last day to make alterations to your voter registration records like a name change or address change is July 31, 2010.

NOTE: The write-in feature will be available on the Micro-Vote Infinity voting machines. TCA 2-8-113 states that any person seeking a party nomination or is trying to be elected by write-in ballots must complete a notice requesting such person's ballots be counted no later than 12:00 noon, fifty (50) days before the date of the election. Such person shall only have write-in ballots counted if such notice was completed and timely filed at the Rutherford County Election Commission Office. Such notices shall be completed and signed by the write-in candidate and filed with the Rutherford County Election Commission at 1 Public Square S. Suite 103, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Election Day Polls will be open 7a.m.until 7 p.m.

Please note the following information for:

- * CHANGE OF ADDRESS * ABSENTEE VOTING * POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY
- * ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTING * EMERGENCY VOTING

***CHANGE OF ADDRESS DEADLINE:** Voters who have moved within Rutherford County may change their address at the Early Voting Site, at the Election Office or by mailing a change of address in writing to the Rutherford County Election Commission Office, #1 Public Square South, Room 103, Murfreesboro, Tennessee no later than July 31, 2010.

***ABSENTEE VOTING:** The last day eligible voters may request an absentee ballot is July 29, 2010. Requests for Absentee Ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. Voters may vote Absentee for the following reasons:

- If for any reason other than imprisonment, the voter will be outside Rutherford County where the voter is registered during the early voting period and on Election Day
- If the person is a caretaker of a hospitalized, ill or disabled person
- If the voter is an election official, member or employee of the Election Commission on Election Day
- If the voter is observing a religious holiday
- A voter who possesses a valid commercial driver license and who certifies that the voter will be working outside Rutherford County where the voter is registered during early voting period and Election Day; and has no specific out-of-state location to which mail may be received during such time
- Students and spouses of students temporarily residing out of Rutherford County
- Voters requesting an absentee ballot may send a written request for an absentee ballot to the Rutherford County Election Commission with the following information no later than July 29, 2010:
 - Name of Registered Voter
 - The Address of the Voter's Residence
 - The Voter's Social Security Number
 - The Address to mail the ballot outside of the County
 - The election the voter wishes to participate in
 - The reason the voter wishes to vote absentee
 - Request for absentee ballot must include the voters signature

POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY: Voters who are unable to go to the polls or to the Election Commission Office on Election Day because of sickness, hospitalization, or physical disability may send a written request for an absentee ballot along with a physician statement to the Election Commission Office not later than July 29, 2010.

****Persons 65 years of age or older may either vote early by personal appearance or send a written request for an absentee ballot to be mailed to their home. Eligible voters desiring to vote absentee must submit their request not later than 7 days before the election (July 29, 2010).**

****Absentee ballot requests by eligible military personnel and/or their spouses must be received no later than seven days (July 29, 2010) before the Election at the Rutherford County Election Commission Office for processing.**

***ACCESSIBILITY TO THE DISABLED, ELDERLY:** Disabled voters who might require the use of a wheelchair, walker, cane, crutches, or might require the use of a leg or back brace may request an absentee ballot if they possess a physician's statement stating that in such physician's medical judgment, the voter is physically disabled in such a manner that renders such voter unable to go to such voter's polling place and vote. The affidavit must be received by the Rutherford County Election Commission at least ten (10) days before the first election in which the elderly or handicapped voter plans to vote by absentee ballot.

***EMERGENCY VOTING:** Eligible voters hospitalized within Rutherford County not more than twenty (20) days before the election (and no later than the opening of the polls on Election Day (7:00 am) may call the Rutherford County Election Commission at 615-898-7743 for voting assistance. Election Day requests for emergency voting must be received before 7:00 a.m. of the date of the election. Additionally, eligible voters who experience a death of a relative which would result in the absence from the state or county on election day and can demonstrate reasonable proof to the Administrator of Elections, or deputy, shall be eligible to vote absentee by personal appearance at the election commission office, not more than five (5) days, nor later than the day prior to the election. The same eligibility would apply if a voter receives a subpoena or service of process requiring a voter's presence on Election Day.

- **NOTE:** All appointments of **Poll Watchers** shall be in writing and signed by the candidate or organizations authorized to make the appointments. Poll Watchers must be seventeen (17) years of age by the date of the election. For this election, names of Poll Watchers **AUTHORIZED BY CANDIDATE SIGNATURE** shall be submitted to the Rutherford County Election Commission, 1 Public Square S. Suite 103, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130, no later than 12:00 (NOON) the second day before the date of the election. Persons appearing at the polling place claiming to be poll watchers without proper authorization as listed above will not be allowed in the polling place. Authorized Poll Watchers must abide by procedures as established in TCA 2-7-104.

Questions regarding the above procedures or about the election process in general should be addressed to the Rutherford County Election Commission Office by calling 615-898-7743, or by e-mail at election@rutherfordcounty.org. Our web site is www.rutherfordcountyttn.org/election.

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