

Public Notice of Election Rutherford County Tennessee November 2, 2010

State and Federal General
U.S. House 6th Congressional District
Governor State of Tennessee
Tennessee State Senator 13th District
Tennessee House of Representatives
34 - 48 - 49 - 62- Districts

Eagleville City: Mayor and 3 Councilmen (4 year terms)
LaVergne City: Mayor and 2 Aldermen (4 year terms)
Town of Smyrna: Mayor and 3 Councilmen
(4 year terms)

1. **Notice** is hereby given to the Public that the State and Federal General Election will be held on November 2, 2010 for the purpose of electing candidates for U.S. House 6th Congressional District, Governor, 13th State Senatorial District, Tennessee House of Representatives for the 34th, 48th., 49th, and 62nd Districts, Eagleville City, LaVergne City and Town of Smyrna. Municipal candidates run as Independents.

2. **Nominating Petitions** are now 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. Interested candidates or their representatives, may pick up petitions for open seats in the City of Eagleville, City of LaVergne, and the Town of Smyrna. The petitioner must obtain a minimum of 25 good signatures from qualified voters who reside within the specific jurisdiction sign the petition who is not a qualified voter.

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 August 19, 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. except on holidays. 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. TCA 2-2-109.** The last day to register to vote in person for the November 2, 2010 Election is October 4, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. By mail registrations must be postmarked by October 4, 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, 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 October 28, 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 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Please note the following instructional information for:

***CHANGE OF ADDRESS,
*ABSENTEE VOTING**

***POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY
*ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTING
*EMERGENCY VOTING**

***CHANGE OF ADDRESS DEADLINE: TCA 2-2-109.** 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 five (5) days before the election.

***ABSENTEE VOTING: TCA 2-6-202** The last day eligible voters may request an absentee ballot is October 26, 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 October 26, 2010:

- o Name of Registered Voter
- o The Address of the Voter's Residence
- o The Voter's Social Security Number
- o The Address to mail the ballot outside of the County
- o The election the voter wishes to participate in
- o The reason the voter wishes to vote absentee
- o Request for absentee ballot must include the voters signature

POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY: TCA 2-3-109.

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 October 22, 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 (October 26, 2010).**

****Absentee ballot requests by eligible military personnel and/or their spouses must be received no later than seven days (October 26, 2010) before the Election at the Rutherford County Election Commission Office for processing. TCA 2-6-502**

***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: TCA 2-6-401.** 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.rutherfordcounty.org/election.

Rutherford County Election

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