STATE/FEDERAL AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

STATE OF TENNESSEE LAKE COUNTY

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

NEWSPAPER SAMPLE BALLOT

State General

Governor
Vote for One (1)

- ○ **Marsha Blackburn** *Republican Party Nominee*
- ○ **Jerri Green** *Democratic Party Nominee*
- ○ **Misam Abidi** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Dean Brewer** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Ray Brown** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **David Hatley** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Wendell Jackson** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Charles Van Morgan** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Eddie Lee Murphy** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Lauren Pinkston** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Victor L. Scoggin** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Dave Seeman** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Karl Knox Smithson** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **L. Webb Taylor** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Robert C. Vick** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ _____ Write-in

Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional Amendment # 1
Vote for One (1)

Summary:

This amendment changes Article I, section 15 of the Tennessee Constitution by allowing a court to hold a defendant without bail before trial when that defendant is accused of: an offense punishable by the death penalty, an act of terrorism, second degree murder, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated rape, grave torture, or any crime for which a convicted person would be required to serve eighty-five percent of their sentence. This amendment requires courts to state on the record the reasons for their decision to grant or deny bail in those cases.

Question:

Shall Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following:

That all prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offences, when the proof is evident, or the presumption great. And the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

and substituting instead the following:

(a) All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties unless for the following when the proof is evident or the presumption great:

(1) A capital offense;

(2) An act of terrorism;

(3) Second degree murder;

(4) Aggravated rape of a child;

(5) Aggravated rape;

(6) Grave torture; and

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(7) Any other offense for which, as of November 3, 2026, a defendant, if convicted, could not be released prior to the expiration of at least eighty-five percent of the entire sentence imposed.

(b) In any case in which bail for an offense listed in subsection (a) is granted or denied before conviction, the judge or magistrate shall place in the record the judge's or magistrate's reasons for granting or denying bail.

(c) The privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**

Constitutional Amendment # 2
Vote for One (1)

Summary:

This amendment adds text to Article II, section 28 of the Tennessee Constitution that prohibits the Legislature from imposing a State property tax on real, personal, or mixed property.

Question:

Shall Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language from the first sentence:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature

and substituting instead the following:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal, or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature shall not levy, authorize, or otherwise permit any state tax upon such property, and the Legislature

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**

Constitutional Amendment # 3
Vote for One (1)

Summary:

This amendment changes Article I, section 35 of the Tennessee Constitution by clarifying existing rights for crime victims and adding new rights. The amendment gives victims new rights: to fair treatment; to be informed about and participate in the parole process; to be protected from harassment, intimidation, and abuse; to be informed of the minimum sentence the convicted criminal will serve, as well as their scheduled release date; and to have their safety, their family's safety, and the public's safety taken into account before any decision is made to release the convicted criminal. The amendment also maintains or clarifies victims' existing rights: to be informed about legal proceedings involving the accused or convicted criminal; to be present at public criminal proceedings; to be informed of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted criminal; to talk to prosecutors; to make statements about conviction, sentencing, or release of the accused person; to a speedy resolution of the case; to restitution from the convicted criminal; and to be informed of their rights. The amendment does not restrict the powers of prosecutors or courts and does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the State of Tennessee.

Question:

Shall Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

Section 35. That to preserve and protect the rights of victims of crime to justice and due process throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be protected:

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(1) The right to be treated with fairness for the victim's safety and dignity;

(2) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;

(3) The right to be present at all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;

(4) The right upon request to be heard in any proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, and parole, as well as any public proceeding when relevant during which a right of the victim is implicated;

(5) The right to be heard and informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender;

(6) The right to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice system, including reasonable protection, as defined by the General Assembly, from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;

(7) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted person;

(8) The right to full and timely restitution from the offender;

(9) The right to a speedy trial or disposition and a prompt and final conclusion of the case after the conviction or sentence;

(10) The right to be informed of the minimum sentence the offender will serve in custody and the scheduled release date;

(11) The right to have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made;

(12) The right, upon request, to confer with the prosecution; and

(13) The right to be fully informed of all rights afforded to crime victims.

A victim may assert the rights enumerated in this section, not as a party, but in the manner further provided by the General Assembly protecting the victim's right to standing. The General Assembly has the authority to enact substantive and procedural laws to further define, implement, preserve, and protect the rights guaranteed to victims by this section. This section must be interpreted to preserve and protect the rights of all persons to due process. This section, or any law enacted under this section, does not create a basis for vacating a conviction. This section does not restrict the powers of the District Attorney General or the inherent authority of the court.

Other than as provided in the preceding paragraph, this section does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state; an officer, employee, or agent of the state or of any of its political subdivisions; or an officer or employee of the court.

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**

State and Federal General

United States Senate
Vote for One (1)

- ○ **Bill Hagerty** *Republican Party Nominee*
- ○ **Marquita Bradshaw** *Democratic Party Nominee*
- ○ **Tharon Chandler** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Andrew Gerena** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Jeremy Dean Hearn** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Robert Jones** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **James William Macon III** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Yoshi D. Matthews** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **David Sutman, Jr.** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Catherine Barcel "Barcy" Whitson** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ _____ Write-in

United States House of Representatives District 5
Vote for One (1)

- ○ **Charlie Hatcher** *Republican Party Nominee*
- ○ **Chaz Molder** *Democratic Party Nominee*
- ○ **James A. Johnson** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ **Micheál (Me-Haul) O'Leary** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ _____ Write-in

Tennessee Senate District 25
Vote for One (1)

- ○ **Ed Jackson** *Republican Party Nominee*
- ○ _____ Write-in

Tennessee House of Representatives District 77
Vote for One (1)

- ○ **Rusty Grills** *Republican Party Nominee*
- ○ **Erin Jerrod Reid** *Independent Candidate*
- ○ _____ Write-in

County General

School Board District 1 Unexpired 4-Year Term
Vote for One (1)

- **No Candidate Qualified**
- ○ _____ Write-in

School Board District 1 Unexpired 2-Year Term
Vote for One (1)

- **No Candidate Qualified**
- ○ _____ Write-in

Town of Tiptonville

Mayor
Vote for One (1)

- ○ **Cliff Berry Jr**
- ○ _____ Write-in

Alderman
Vote for Six (6)

- ○ **Craig Clay**
- ○ **Dewayne Haggard**
- ○ **Gina Hubble**
- ○ **Will C. Jackson, Jr**
- ○ **Mario J. Montgomery**
- ○ **Joe Lee Williams**
- ○ **Macky Wilson**
- ○ _____ Write-in
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LAKE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Steve Parks, Chairman, Robert Griffin, Secretary, Members: Ronnie Hays, Douglas Robertson

Michelle Morgan, Administrator of Elections

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Federal and State General Election and Town of Tiptonville Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the following precincts in Lake County.

DISTRICT PRECINCT VOTING LOCATIONS

#1 Tiptonville Senior Center…….. 210 South Court Street, Tiptonville, TN 38079
#2 Lake County Courthouse…….. 229 Church Street, Tiptonville, TN 38079
#3 Lake County Middle School…. 200 College Street, Ridgely, TN 38080

POLL HOURS

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

State ID Law: A Federal or Tennessee state government issued photo ID is required to vote.
The Absentee Counting Board will meet at 3:00 PM at the Lake County Election Commission Office, 217 South Court Street, Tiptonville, Tennessee.
Provisional Counting Board will meet on November 5, 2026 at 4:00 PM, if needed. It will be located at the Lake County Election Commission Office, 217 South Court Street, Tiptonville, Tennessee.

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