

TENNESSEE VOTER GUIDE

Knox County, Tennessee — State Primary and State and County General Election
August 6, 2026

How to vote FOR - not against - your values

This non-partisan 2026 Tennessee Voter Guide will help you cut through the rhetoric, election propaganda, and biased media coverage of the campaigns.

The candidates were scored based on answers to a questionnaire that represented a **conservative biblical worldview**.

Our Ratings: ★★★★★ Best candidate, strongest recommendation ★★★★★ Very good ★★★ Acceptable
★★ Vote only to prevent a worse candidate from winning ★ Not recommended — do NOT vote for these candidates

** Candidate refused or failed to fill out the questionnaire.*

Republican Primary

Governor **

Marsha Blackburn ★★★★★½
Monty Fritts ★★★★★½
John Rose ★★★★★½

United States Senate (Unopposed)

Bill Hagerty ★★★★★

U.S. House of Representatives — District 2 (Unopposed)

Tim Burchett ★★★★★

Tennessee Senate — District 5 (Unopposed)

Jimmy Matlock ★★★★★

Tennessee Senate — District 7

Richard M. Briggs *
Kent Morrell ★★★★★½

TN House of Representatives — District 14 (Unopposed)

Jason Zachary ★★★★★½

TN House of Representatives — District 16 (Unopposed)

Michele Carringer ★★★★★½

TN House of Representatives — District 18

Elaine Davis ★★★★★
Brent N. Jones *
Elliott Schuchardt ★★★★★½

TN House of Representatives — District 19 (Unopposed)

Dave Wright ★★★★★½

TN House of Representatives — District 89 (Unopposed)

Justin Lafferty ★★★★★½

State Executive Committeeman — District 5

Zach Farrar ★★★★★
Lucas Heaton ★★★★★

State Executive Committeewoman — District 5

Sherri Garrett ★★★★★
Amy Poteet ★★★★★

State Executive Committeeman — District 6

Martin Ammons ★★★★★
Brian Hornback ★★★★★

State Executive Committeewoman — District 6

Gwen Baxter ★★★★★
Jane Chedester *

State Executive Committeeman — District 7 (Unopposed)

Jeremy Coffey *

State Executive Committeewoman — District 7

Staci Beeler ★★★★★
Janis C. Crye ★★★★★

*** This year's Republican primary for Governor presents Tennessee voters with an unusual choice. All three leading candidates are strong conservatives who share the same core principles—something rarely found in other states. Each brings important strengths, and each has areas of weaknesses. Based on intensive research on all, we have assigned all three the same rating.*

Sen. Marsha Blackburn offers unmatched statewide name recognition and media appearances. Rep. Monty Fritts was the only candidate to complete our questionnaire and is widely recognized for his powerful commitment to Christian values and principles. Rep. John Rose brings extensive experience as a successful businessman and employer, providing executive leadership, budget management, and organizational experience. Tennessee Republicans face the enviable task of choosing among three qualified conservative candidates.

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General Election

Criminal Court Judge, Division I (Unexpired Term) (Unopposed)

Emily F. Abbott ★★★

General Sessions Judge, Division IV (Unexpired Term)

Andrea Kline ★★★

Ben H. Houston II ★

County Commission At-Large — Seat 10

Justin D. Cofer ★★★★★

Katina Sharp *

Ronin Cunningham *

County Mayor

Betsy Henderson ★★★★★

Beau Hawk *

Sheriff (Unopposed)

Brent Gibson *

County Commission — District 3

Sheri Super ★★★★★

Brandon Huckaby *

County Commission — District 7

Barry Beeler ★★★★★

William Cooper *

County Commission At-Large — Seat 11

Garrett Holt *

Vivian Underwood *

David Velarde *

County Trustee

Nick McBride *

Stephen Hood *

County Clerk (Unopposed)

Richie Beeler *

Circuit, Civil Sessions & Juvenile Court Clerk (Unopposed)

Charlie Susano *

Criminal Court Clerk (Unopposed)

Mike Hammond *

Register of Deeds (Unopposed)

Sherry Witt *

Board of Education — District 1

Breyauna Holloway *

Charles Frazier *

Board of Education — District 4

Ashley Sartelle *

Katherine Bike *

Board of Education — District 6

Lee Ann Eaves ★★★★★

Cadence Collins ★

Board of Education — District 7

Steve Triplett *

Amy Fenner *

Board of Education — District 9

Bill Sofield ★★★★★

Brandy Jenkins *

Farragut Alderman, Ward 1

Dian Hall ★★★★★

Joey Ruffalo ★★★★★

Judicial Retention Questions

Shall each judge be retained in office, or be replaced?

Kyle A. Hixson — Supreme Court, At Large (Retain)

★★★★★

Mary L. Wagner — Supreme Court, At Large (Retain)

★★★★★

William E. Phillips II — Court of Appeals, Eastern Division (Retain) ★★★★★

Steve Maroney — Court of Appeals, Western Division (Retain) ★★★★★

Valerie L. Smith — Court of Appeals, Western Division (Retain) ★★★★★

Stacy L. Street — Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division (Retain) ★★★★★

Steven W. Sword — Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division (Retain) ★★★★★