

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR McMINN COUNTY
STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON
November 3, 2026

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

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STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION

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 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

(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

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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: (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
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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 3	
Vote for One (1)	
☐	Chuck Fleischmann Republican Party Nominee
☐	Anna Golladay Democratic Party Nominee
☐	Dean Arnold Independent Candidate
☐	Jean Howard-Hill Independent Candidate
☐	Rodney Joe King Independent Candidate
☐	Donnie Lynn Ownby Independent Candidate
☐	Edward John Roland Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in

TENNESSEE SENATE	
District 1	
Vote for One (1)	
☐	J. Adam Lowe Republican Party Nominee
☐	----- Write-in
TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 23	
Vote for One (1)	
☐	Mark Cochran Republican Party Nominee
☐	Jeremy Bromwell Independent Candidate
☐	Jason Hitt Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in
SCHOOL BOARD District 4 (Unexpired Term)	
Vote for One (1)	
☐	Tony Smith Republican Party Nominee
☐	Ken Armstrong Independent Candidate
☐	Audrey Beverley Mayfield Independent Candidate
☐	Cindy Studdard Moses Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in
CONSTABLE District 4 (Unexpired Term)	
Vote for One (1)	
No Candidate Qualified	
☐	----- Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Athens	
CITY COUNCIL City of Athens	
Vote for Three (3)	
☐	Abby Burke Carroll Independent Candidate
☐	Larry D. Eaton Independent Candidate
☐	S. Thomas (Tom) Hamilton Independent Candidate
☐	Perry L. McCowan Independent Candidate
☐	Lou Pascarella Independent Candidate
☐	Robert Patrick Independent Candidate
☐	H. Chris Trew Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in
☐	----- Write-in
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SCHOOL BOARD City of Athens	
Vote for Three (3)	
☐	Emily Forrest Republican Party Nominee
☐	Chris Schreck Independent Candidate
☐	Joyce Snyder Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in
☐	----- Write-in
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MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Calhoun	
CITY COMMISSION City of Calhoun	
Vote for Two (2)	
☐	Victor Keith Gregory Independent Candidate
☐	Timothy A. Womac Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in
☐	----- Write-in
MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Niota	
MAYOR City of Niota	
Vote for One (1)	
☐	Lois Preece Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in
CITY COMMISSION City of Niota	
Vote for Two (2)	
☐	Gary Buchanan Independent Candidate
☐	Tony Manney Independent Candidate
☐	----- Write-in
☐	----- Write-in

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