Tennessee

- **Chief election official:** Secretary of State Tre Hargett, elected by the Tennessee State Legislature.
- **State election director:** Mark Goins
- **Who runs elections locally:** Administrator of Elections
- **State website:** www.tn.gov

### ELECTION POLICY

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### VOTING

- **Voter ID** | ID required | 35 states require ID |
- **Early in-person voting** | Begins 20 days before Election Day | 47 states allow; national average is 26 days |
- **Vote centers** | Vote centers are used | 29 states allow vote centers |
- **No-excuse absentee voting** | Not permitted | 27 states permit no-excuse absentee voting |
- **Mails ballots to all registered voters (aka “mostly mail elections”)** | Ballots are not mailed to all registered voters | Eight states and D.C. mail ballots to all registered voters |
- **Deadline for absentee/mail ballot return** | Close of polls on Election Day | 30 states require ballots returned by Election Day* |
- **Ballot collection laws** | Not specified | 31 states have ballot collection laws |
- **Ballot drop boxes** | Not permitted | Four states prohibit; 23 states permit; other states are silent |
- **Ballot cure process** | No ballot cure process offered statewide | 25 states have a ballot cure process |
- **When absentee/mail ballot processing begins** | Upon receipt | 32 states and D.C. begin processing before Election Day |
- **Electronic ballot return** | Not permitted | 33 states allow for military and overseas voters; 13 states allow for voters with disabilities |

### OTHER

- **Prohibits private funding of elections** | Private funding is prohibited | 24 states prohibit; 26 states are silent |
- **Pre-election audits (logic and accuracy testing)** | Uses pre-election audit | 47 states have pre-election audits |
- **Post-election tabulation audits** | Uses post-election audit | 46 states require post-election audits |
- **State primary type** | Open | Primaries range from fully open to fully closed |
- **Member of Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)** | No | 25 states and D.C. are members of ERIC |
- **Use jury lists for list maintenance** | Not specified | Seven states use jury lists; other states are silent |

*Other states accept ballots postmarked by Election Day.

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