

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

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^{*}Other states accept ballots postmarked by Election Day.

Note: Neither NCSL nor the U.S. Election Assistance Commission advocate for or against any election policies.

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