



East Tennessee Voter Guide

Nov. 8th Elections

Dear Voter,

Thank you for doing your civic duty and helping safeguard our democracy!

We understand that our community's diversity goes beyond racial, ethnic and ideological affiliations, but extend to our political stances and philosophies as well. Because of this, we have focused this voting resource around a narrow set of civil liberties issues, scoring the candidates on their opposition to or embracing of xenophobia and their support for extending real, constitutional, religious liberty to all Tennesseans.

This means that you will have to factor these important American freedoms into your own political or partisan stances as you vote. As an organization, we are both centrist and nonpartisan. As such we discourage voting "straight ticket" for any political party. Instead we favor issues based voting. Please see our rating key at the bottom of this document and the included links to other voter information sites that may also help inform you!

Key: Yes  Neutral  No 

Yes: Candidate's voting record and/or campaign stances have demonstrated a commitment religious liberty, inclusion and equal rights for all Tennesseans.

Neutral: Candidate's positions either do not touch on our priorities or are fairly unknown (no voting record and/or explicit campaign stances) in terms of their support for religious liberty and/or stance on xenophobia.

No: Candidate has targeted minority communities, abused and/or worked against religious liberty and/or demonstrated xenophobia in their campaign rhetoric and/or legislative record.

Links to additional resources:

Vote 411: <http://www.vote411.org/> a project of the [Women's League of Voters](#)

US House of Representatives

Office	Name	Party	County	Rating
DISTRICT 1	Phil Roe - Incumbent	Republican		⊖
	Alan Bohms	Democrat		⊖
	Robert D. Franklin	Independent		⊖
DISTRICT 2	John J. Duncan, Jr. - Incumbent	Republican		⊖
	Stuart Starr	Democrat		⊖
DISTRICT 3	Chuck Fleischmann - Incumbent	Republican		✓
	Melody Shekari	Democrat		⊖
	Topher Kersting	Independent		⊖
	Cassandra Mitchell	Independent		⊖
	Rick Tyler	Independent		✗

Tennessee State Senate

Office	Name	Party	County	Rating
DISTRICT 2	Doug Overbey - Incumbent	Republican	Blount, Sevier	⊖
DISTRICT 4	Jon Lundberg	Republican	Sullivan, Johnson	✓
DISTRICT 6	Becky Duncan Massey - Incumbent	Republican	Knox	⊖
DISTRICT 8	Frank Niceley - Incumbent	Republican	Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Union	⊖
DISTRICT 10	Todd Gardenhire - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Bradley, Part of Hamilton	✗
	Khristy Wilkinson	Democrat	Part of Bradley, Part of Hamilton	⊖
DISTRICT 12	Ken Yager - Incumbent	Republican	Campbell, Fentress, Pickett, Rhea, Roane, Scott	✗

Tennessee House of Representatives

Office	Name	Party	County	Rating
DISTRICT 1	John Crawford	Republican	Part of Sullivan	✗
DISTRICT 2	Bud Hulseley - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Sullivan	✗
	J. S. Moore	Democrat	Part of Sullivan	⊖
DISTRICT 3	Timothy Hill - Incumbent	Republican	Johnson, Part of Carter, Sullivan	✗
	Gary Kawula	Independent	Johnson, Part of Carter, Sullivan	⊖
DISTRICT 4	John B. Holsclaw Jr. - Incumbent	Republican	Unicoi, Part of Carter	✗
DISTRICT 5	David B. Hawk - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Greene	✗
DISTRICT 6	Micah Van Huss - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Washington	✗
	John Baker	Democrat	Part of Washington	⊖
DISTRICT 7	Matthew Hill - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Washington	✗
	Nancy Fischman	Democrat	Part of Washington	⊖
DISTRICT 8	Art Swann - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Blount	⊖
DISTRICT 9	Gary W Hicks Jr. - Incumbent	Republican	Hancock, Hawkins	✗
	John Neubert	Independent	Hancock, Hawkins	⊖
DISTRICT 10	Tilman Goins - Incumbent	Republican	Hamblen	✗
DISTRICT 11	Jeremy Faison - Incumbent	Republican	Cocke, Part of Jefferson, Greene	⊖
	Marjorie Ramsey	Democrat	Cocke, Part of Jefferson, Greene	⊖
DISTRICT 12	Dale Carr - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Sevier	⊖
DISTRICT 13	Eddie Smith - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Knox	⊖
	Gloria Johnson	Democrat	Part of Knox	✓
DISTRICT 14	Jason Zachary - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Knox	✗
	Scott Hacker	Democrat	Part of Knox	⊖
DISTRICT 15	Rick Staples	Democrat	Part of Knox	⊖
	Pete Drew	Independent	Part of Knox	⊖

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DISTRICT 16	Bill Dunn - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Knox	⊖
DISTRICT 17	Andrew Ellis Farmer	Republican	Part of Jefferson, Sevier	⊖
DISTRICT 18	Martin Daniel - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Knox	✗
	Brandi Price	Democrat	Part of Knox	✓
DISTRICT 19	Harry Brooks - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Knox	⊖
DISTRICT 20	Bob Ramsey - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Blount	⊖
	Sam Duck	Independent	Part of Blount	⊖
DISTRICT 21	Jimmy Matlock - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Louden, Monroe	✗
	Pamela "Pam" Weston	Democrat	Part of Louden, Monroe	⊖
	William James Vandever	Independent	Part of Louden, Monroe	⊖
DISTRICT 22	Dan Howell - Incumbent	Republican	Meigs, Polk, Part of Bradley	✗
	Anna Miller Grabowski	Democrat	Meigs, Polk, Part of Bradley	⊖
DISTRICT 23	John Forgety - Incumbent	Republican	McMinn, Part of Monroe	✗
	Daniel Lee Housley	Independent	McMinn, Part of Monroe	⊖
DISTRICT 24	Kevin D Brooks - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Bradley	✗
DISTRICT 25	Cameron Sexton - Incumbent	Republican	Cumberland, Van Buren, Putnam	✗
	Judy Barnett	Democrat	Cumberland, Van Buren, Putnam	⊖
DISTRICT 26	Gerald McCormick - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Hamilton	⊖
DISTRICT 27	Patsy Hazlewood - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Hamilton	⊖
	Steve Gordon	Democrat	Part of Hamilton	⊖
DISTRICT 28	JoAnne Favors - Incumbent	Democrat	Part of Hamilton	✓
DISTRICT 29	Mike Carter - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Hamilton	✓

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DISTRICT 30	Marc Gravitt - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Hamilton	⊖
	Katie R. Cowley	Democrat	Part of Hamilton	⊖
	Patrick Hickey	Independent	Part of Hamilton	✗
DISTRICT 32	Kent D. Calfee - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Roane, Loudon	⊖
	Corey B. Stafford	Democrat	Part of Roane, Loudon	⊖
	Tyler Overstreet	Independent	Part of Roane, Loudon	⊖
DISTRICT 33	John D Ragan - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Anderson	⊖
	Michael S McKamey	Democrat	Part of Anderson	⊖
DISTRICT 35	Jerry Sexton - Incumbent	Republican	Claiborne, Grainger, Part of Union	✗
DISTRICT 36	Dennis H. Powers - Incumbent	Republican	Campbell, Part of Union, Anderson	✗
	Bob Fannon	Democrat	Campbell, Part of Union, Anderson	⊖
DISTRICT 38	Kelly T Keisling - Incumbent	Republican	Clay, Macon, Pickett, Scott, Part of Fentress	✗
	F. Mike Campbell	Democrat	Clay, Macon, Pickett, Scott, Part of Fentress	⊖
DISTRICT 41	Ed Butler - Incumbent	Republican	Morgan, Jackson, Overton, Part of Fentress	✗
	John Mark Windle	Democrat	Morgan, Jackson, Overton, Part of Fentress	⊖
DISTRICT 89	Roger Kane - Incumbent	Republican	Part of Knox	⊖
	Heather C. Hensley	Democrat	Part of Knox	✓

City of Knoxville Charter Amendments

City Charter Amendment 1 – CHANGING THE DATE OF THE CITY’S PRIMARY ELECTION



YES – (Allows more time for paper ballots to actually have an effect in tight races)

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City Charter Amendment 2 – QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS and MILITARY SERVICE



YES (Allows more flexibility and protections for whom pensions can be given to as well as more flexibility and control for members of our military who are working for the city regarding their benefits)

City Charter Amendment 3 – DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS



YES (Allows for city employees to have more flexibility in the choosing of and protections for the beneficiaries of death and disability benefits)

City Charter Amendment 4 – SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN PROVISIONS



YES (Helps keep the city's pension plans tax except with the IRS and allows the Pension Board to propose Supplemental Plan Provisions to City Council)

For detailed information on these amendments please visit: <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=109562&pageId=5732406#amend1>

Hamilton County & City of Chattanooga

Hamilton County (Affected Areas) Wine at Retail Food Stores Referendum



- We recommend voting against legal sale of wine at retail food stores in Hamilton County

City of Chattanooga

Municipal Ordinance 13007 - Stipulates that: "All employees of the City shall be residents of the state of Tennessee."



- We recommend avoiding a requirement like this that limits the pool of qualified applicants

Municipal Ordinance 13039 - deletes the following language: "A management analyst shall be appointed by the council, and may be removed and replaced at any time by affirmative vote of a majority of the council. The management analyst's responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, reviewing contracts submitted to council for approval and providing the council with financial and budget analysis reports. The management analyst shall have access to all records of the City of Chattanooga and upon request of the council shall examine and report to the council the details of any requested documents."



- We do not recommend removing this language. (For more info visit: <https://www.municode.com/>)