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OFFICIAL BALLOT
State of Tennessee, Hamilton County
State and Federal General Election
November 3, 2026

BALLOT ID: G155

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:

To vote you must darken the OVAL (●) to the right of your choice(s). To cast a Write-in vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, you must darken the OVAL (●) to the right of the line provided, and write that name in the blank space.

Hamilton County Election Commission: *Michael S Walden, Chairman|Gene Shiles, Jr , Secretary|Ruth Braly|Chris Clem|Ardena Hicks*

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	●

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	○

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Tennessee Senate, District 11
Vote for One (1)

- **Bo Watson** — Republican Party Nominee — ●
- **Tim Roberts** — Democratic Party Nominee — ○
- **Write-in** — ○

Tennessee House of Representatives, District 26
Vote for One (1)

- **Greg Martin** — Republican Party Nominee — ●
- **Write-in** — ○

Tennessee House of Representatives, District 27
Vote for One (1)

- **Michele Reneau** — Republican Party Nominee — ●
- **Paige Quirin** — Democratic Party Nominee — ○
- **Write-in** — ○

Tennessee House of Representatives, District 28
Vote for One (1)

- **Yusuf A. Hakeem** — Democratic Party Nominee — ●
- **Demetrus "Meechie" Coonrod** — Independent Candidate — ○
- **Johnny Horne** — Independent Candidate — ○
- **Write-in** — ○

Tennessee House of Representatives, District 29
Vote for One (1)

- **Greg Vital** — Republican Party Nominee — ●
- **Ryan V. Scofield** — Democratic Party Nominee — ○
- **Write-in** — ○

Tennessee House of Representatives, District 30
Vote for One (1)

- **Esther Helton Haynes** — Republican Party Nominee — ●
- **Art Rymer** — Democratic Party Nominee — ○
- **Write-in** — ○

City of Collegedale Municipal

Commissioner
Vote for Two (2)

- **Bryan Barrett** — ●
- **Jessica Fields** — ●
- **Volker Henning** — ○
- **Tonya Sadler** — ○
- **Christopher Twombley** — ○
- **Write-in** — ○
- **Write-in** — ○

City of East Ridge Municipal

Mayor
Vote for One (1)

- **Brian Williams** — ●
- **Write-in** — ○

City of East Ridge Municipal

City Council
Vote for Two (2)

- **Robert (Bob) Gilreath** — ○
- **James L. C. Meyers** — ●
- **Caroline Rossman** — ○
- **David Tyler** — ●
- **Marty Von Schaaf** — ○
- **Write-in** — ○
- **Write-in** — ○

City Court Clerk
Vote for One (1)

- **Patricia E. Cassidy** — ○
- **Misty D. Chauncey** — ●
- **Write-in** — ○

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City of East Ridge Municipal

Charter Amendment 1
Vote for One (1)

Shall the second paragraph of Section 5-A of the East Ridge City Charter be amended by removing benefits as part of the available compensation to Councilmembers and the Mayor and instead require that all costs related to such City benefits be the responsibility of the respective Councilmember or Mayor and at no cost to the City, such that, if approved, the second paragraph of Section 5-A would read as follows:

The Mayor and the other four (4) Councilmembers are to be compensated as follows. Effective on the 1st day of July, 2009, the Mayor shall receive a salary of Twelve Thousand Dollars per year and each of the other four (4) Councilmembers shall receive a salary of Seventy-two Hundred Dollars per year, said salaries to be paid in equal monthly installments. Following such effective date, the salary to be provided to the Mayor, and the salaries to be provided to the Councilmembers as a body, may be adjusted only by referendum. Compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers shall not be adjusted during their current term of office. Councilmembers and the Mayor, including their dependents, may elect to participate in the City's benefit programs but all costs related to such benefits shall be the sole responsibility of the respective Councilmember or Mayor, and at no cost to the City. The Mayor and Councilmembers shall otherwise be entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office.

Certification of the Chief Financial Officer
The proposed charter amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the city.
Diane Qualls,
City Finance Director

For the amendment	●
Against the amendment	○

City of Lakesite Municipal

Commissioner
Vote for Two (2)

Wayne Behlau	●
Jessica Dobosh	○
Michelle Wilson	●
Write-in	○
Write-in	○

City of Red Bank Municipal

Commissioner
Vote for Three (3)

Hollie Berry		○
Chad Bullard		○
Jamie Fairbanks-Harvey		●
David R. Smith		●
Write-in	Fred Ferguson	●
Write-in		○
Write-in		○

Charter Referendum
Vote for One (1)

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Red Bank Tennessee be updated and amended, as recommended by the Charter Review Citizens Advisory Board and the City Commission as follows:

Substitute the 2026 state statute version of the Uniform Manager Commission (City) Charter as provided in TCA Section 6-18-101 - 6-22-130, in place of the outdated 2000 version thereof, but retaining existing home rule amendments:

i. Maintain the name of "CITY OF RED BANK";
ii. Providing for the City Court and Red Bank City Judge to continue to have concurrent jurisdiction with the General Sessions Court for criminal matters; establishing an eight (8) year term of

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office for the City Court Judge and for the election of the City Court Judge in August of applicable years coincident with the County General Election and Statewide Election of all Judges;
iii. Continuing to provide for a Charter Review Committee to be convened every five (5) years;
iv. Continuing to provide a procedure for the potential of recall elections for elected Commissioners of the City of Red Bank;
v. Affirming Ordinances annexing certain territories abutting Signal Mountain Road and Mountain Creek Road first enacted circa 1956 and 1957.

But deleting three existing Home Rule amendments:

i. Establishing three (3) geographical commission voting districts and two (2) at large city commission seats (enacted 1978) as having been legislatively overruled;
ii. Providing for residency requirements for certain City employees;
iii. Which make any reference to "Justice of the Peace" as being able to substitute for the City Court Judge.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
The proposed charter amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the city.
Kris Pickel, CMFO
Chief Financial Officer

For the amendment	○
Against the amendment	○

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City of Ridgeside Municipal

Commissioner
Vote for Three (3)

- Nicole Budd ○
- Liz Doescher ○
- Shawn Ryan ○
- Robert E. Steel, III ○
- Write-in ○
- Write-in ○
- Write-in ○

Town of Signal Mountain Municipal

Town Council
Vote for Four (4)

- P. Andrew Coyle ●
- Clay Crumbliss ○
- John Foreman ○
- Chris Gailmard ○
- Scott Gossett ●
- J. Miles Jorgensen ●
- Laura Malone ○
- Rufus Marye ●
- Austin Scofield ○
- Jami Wolbers ○
- Write-in ○
- Write-in ○
- Write-in ○
- Write-in ○

City of Soddy Daisy Municipal

Commissioner
Vote for Two (2)

- Jay Branum ○
- Marcus Keith ●
- Mark Penney ●
- Write-in ○
- Write-in ○

Town of Walden Municipal

Alderman
Vote for One (1)

- Angela Cassidy ●
- Write-in ○

General Obligation Bond Referendum
Vote for One (1)

Shall the Town of Walden, Tennessee, issue indebtedness up to a maximum amount of $1,400,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition of land known as the "Totten Tract?

- For ○
- Against ○

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