

Voting Reform

Creation of a Voting Day

Tennessee shall merge two or more National holidays; Juneteenth, MLK day, Presidents Day and possibly Labor day so as to leave days available for a Holiday for voting in statewide elections.

The Tennessee Legislature shall instruct their representatives in the US Congress to introduce legislation to rearrange existing holidays so as to create a national voting day.

Voting Procedure

All voting shall be at voting places with election workers, with the exception that mail in absentee ballots shall be allowed, when done at a voter's request and utilized in a prescribed manner.

All voters shall have to present a photo ID of a type to be determined.

Voting shall transpire over a 28 hour period. The polls shall be open from 12:00 noon on the day proceeding election and close at 10:00 PM, re-open at 4:00 AM on election day and remain open until 8:00PM.

Voters may apply for absentee ballots for good reason, but must communicate that request to the local election commission, and the ballots must be received one week before election day so they can be tabulated by the end of election day.

The Ballots shall be printed in English only.

Safe Technology

All voting shall be done by OCR technology, wherein a voter shall be given a numbered ballot on an OCR sheet. The ballot number is not registered by

the poll worker. When the voter fills out the OCR sheet, it is entered into a tabulator and a copy with the ballot number on it is printed out. When the voter verifies their vote they enter the ballot.

Absentee ballots shall be processed the very same way, with the addition that the person standing in for the voter shall process the ballot in the absentee voter's stead. In this instance the printed copy is placed into a numbered envelope, sealed and returned to the election office, where the voter may collect the ballot by presenting their numbered hard copy if they so wish or have it sent to their home address.

The totals from each machine are tabulated and stored on a removable drive. This drive has a number assigned to a particular voting machine, and must be accounted for at the end of voting before the machine results can be tabulated into a machine that only does tabulations.

The votes will be displayed on the web, and a voter can check their vote using the vote number, with no reference to their name. If the voter disputes the vote shown on the voting record, they have an actual hard copy as evidence of a changed vote.