

Preparation for the 2022 election cycle has begun.

There are three elections currently scheduled for 2022. The May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Wilson County Primary will be the first Election Day in this election cycle. The political parties in Wilson County determine if there will be a county primary every two years. Over the last 50 years, the popularity of partisan county elections has been embraced and condemned as the fortunes of political parties changed. Although these elections have not been common in our county in recent years, many of our neighboring counties regularly hold county primary elections every election cycle.

Primaries are nominating elections. Candidates seeking the nomination of their Party and those choosing to run as Independents must all qualify by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Noon. Only those seeking a Political Party nomination will appear on the May 3, 2022 ballot. The winners of the primary will be on the August 4, 2022 Wilson County General Election ballot along with any Independent candidates.

Offices eligible for the May Primary are 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District - Circuit Court Division I, Circuit Court Division II, Chancellor, Criminal Court Judge, District Attorney & Public Defender  
Wilson County General Sessions Division I, General Sessions Division II, General Sessions Division III, Sheriff, Trustee, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, County Mayor, Register of Deeds, All County Commission Districts, All Constable Zones. Wilson County School Board members from Zone 2,4 and 6 and one at large member of the Lebanon Special School District are nonpartisan and will not appear on the May county primary ballot.

The second election in 2022 will be the August 4<sup>th</sup> Wilson County General Election and Tennessee State and Federal Primary elections. The ballot in August will be big! This is the year that most county, state and judicial offices are elected. In addition to the party nominees chosen in May and Independent candidates, Wilson County School Board members from Zone 2,4 and 6 and one at large member of the Lebanon Special School District will appear on the August General Election ballot.

Tennessee Governor, State Senate, State House of Representatives and US Congressional candidates for the Republican and Democratic parties will be on the Federal and State Primary ballot on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

The final election next year will be the Federal and State General and Lebanon, Mt Juliet and Watertown Municipal elections on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

2022 will be an exciting election year as they all are. We look forward to administering elections knowing that our voting systems, voter rolls, procedures and equipment are well maintained and prepared. You and your fellow Wilson County Poll Officials are the most important part of every election. Your commitment to administering fair and honest elections is demonstrated with every election. We can confidently say that Wilson County has the very best election staff! Tammy and I look forward to training and working with each of you as we prepare for the three elections in 2022.