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Cherokee County Election Commission Provides Information for August 11 Elections

The Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration and Elections reminds voters that **two separate elections will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026**, and voter eligibility differs depending on the election.

Two Elections on August 11

1. Regular Scheduled Elections

- Cherokee County School Board – Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7
- Board of Public Works – Districts 1 and 3
- City of Gaffney – Districts 2, 3, and 5
- Town of Blacksburg – Districts 1 and 2, and Mayor

These are **district-based elections**, meaning **not every registered voter is eligible to vote**. A voter must reside within the district for the office appearing on the ballot.

2. Special Republican Primary for U.S. Senate

Voters who participated in the **Democratic Primary on June 9** are **not eligible** to vote in the August 11 Special Republican Primary.

Check Your Eligibility Before Election Day

The Election Commission **strongly encourages** voters to visit [SCVotes.gov](https://www.scvotes.gov) before Election Day to:

- View their personalized sample ballot (Special Republican Primary sample will not appear until AFTER July 29).
- Verify whether they reside in a district with a scheduled election (Check My Voter Registration tab).
- Confirm their polling place.

Checking your sample ballot before arriving at the polls can help avoid confusion and make the voting process quicker.

Early Voting

Because there are two separate elections, there are **two different early voting periods**.

Regular Scheduled Elections

- Monday, July 27 – Friday, August 7
- Monday through Friday
- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Special Republican Primary for U.S. Senate

- Wednesday, August 5 – Friday, August 7
- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Registration and Absentee Voting Deadlines

- Voters must have been **registered by July 12** to be eligible for either election.
- The deadline to request and return an absentee ballot by mail is **Friday, July 31, by 5:00 p.m.**
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What to Expect on Election Day

State law does not allow a primary election and another election to appear on the same ballot. As a result, voters who are eligible for both elections will vote in **two separate processes**.

At the polling place, eligible voters can expect:

- Two separate check-in tables.
- Two different voting machines.
- One election must be completed before beginning the other.

While every eligible voter will have the opportunity to vote in each election for which they qualify, the process will look different than a typical election. The Election Commission has been working diligently to train poll workers for this unique situation and asks voters for patience as workers guide them through the process.

Additional Information

The Election Commission encourages voters to take advantage of **Early Voting whenever possible** to help reduce Election Day lines.

August 11 is also the **second day of school**. Voters who cast ballots at school polling locations should expect heavier traffic during student arrival and dismissal times.

Please note that **voters who normally vote at Grassy Pond Elementary School will vote at Grassy Pond Baptist Church for this election.**

The Cherokee County Board of Voter Registration and Elections is committed to conducting a secure, accurate, and efficient election. We appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as we administer these two separate elections on the same day.