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## **Deadline Approaching to Register to Vote in the August Tennessee State Primary and Shelby County General Election**

June 22, 2016 (Memphis, Tenn.) Every Election Day, people walk into the Operations Center at the Shelby County Election Commission and want to register so they can vote in that day's election.

"We want everyone who is eligible to vote to cast a ballot in every election. In order to be eligible to vote, people must be registered 30 days prior to an election," said Linda Phillips, the new Administrator of Elections for SCEC.

The deadline to register in order to be eligible to vote in the election Aug. 4, 2016 is Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Voter registration applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. that day, and mail-in applications must be postmarked by that date.

"Because the last day to register falls on a national holiday, this time people have an extra day to register," Phillips said.

People can register to vote at either location of SCEC. The downtown office is located at 150 Washington Ave., and the Operations Center is at 980 Nixon Drive, near Shelby Farms. Both offices open at 8:30 a.m.

Online voter registration is also available at <http://sos.tn.gov/elections>, or at [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com). However, anyone who registers online must vote the first time in person and is not eligible to receive an absentee ballot.

"If you are planning a trip around election time, or going away to school, please register in person so we can honor your request for an absentee ballot," she said. Request forms for absentee ballots are available under "Voter Information," at [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com).