
FRANKLIN, TN VOTER PROTECTION REPORT

October 24, 2023

ABOUT ORGANIZE TENNESSEE

Organize Tennessee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that every eligible voter in Tennessee can cast their ballot safely, securely, and easily. We work to protect voting rights, build coalitions, legal support, and organize grassroots campaigns to eliminate barriers and empower disenfranchised Tennesseans.

Our election day voter protection includes:

- deploying trained and credentialed poll observers to monitor elections
- address incidents that occur in Tennessee that are reported through national Election Protection hotline (1-866-OUR-VOTE)
- legal boiler room
- election protection partner calls



HOW WE TRACK INCIDENTS

VOTER PROTECTION HOTLINE

Organize Tennessee partners with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under The Law to provide a voter protection hotline number to call if they have issues casting a ballot. The number is 1-866-OURVOTE.



POLL WATCHER OBSERVATIONS

Poll Observers are watching the election process at priority locations across the city. They watch and listen for voters who experience issues, are turned away from voting, or have questions. Poll Observers report 5 times a day on what they've observed while on their shift, and report on active incidents separately so we can support with a resolution.

POLLS COVERED

8/8 Polling Locations Covered

County Enrichment Center
Hunters Bend Elementary
The Church of the City
Cool Springs Conference Center
Pearre Creek Elementary
The Gate Community Church
Legacy Middle School
First Presbyterian Church

KEY ISSUES VOTERS FACED

**Voting
Machine
Malfunctions**

**One Major
Disruption inside a
Polling Location**

**Law Enforcement
Presence**

**Eligibility
Confusion**

**Voter Registration
Issues**

**Polling Place
Access**

**Provisionals not
consistently offered**

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

We had **47 reports** across Franklin polling places from the hotline + reported by our Poll Observers.

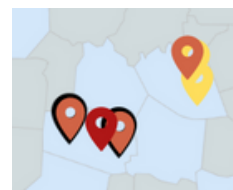
TOP ISSUE: PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

One issue that came up was that poll workers were not consistently offering provisional ballots to voters

VOTING MACHINE MALFUNCTIONS

Several machines broke down during the day causing voting delays

HIGHLIGHTED ISSUES



- Law enforcement patrol cars were observed in front of The Church of the City. We have general concern about why these officers were stationed near the entrance to the polling location which raises questions of perceived intimidation.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our program

Acknowledgements

Organize Tennessee's Election Protection Coalition is powered by the contributions of the people from across the state who work tirelessly to ensure that all eligible Tennesseans have access to the ballot.

Organize Tennessee serves as the TN vote pro partner for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, the national, non-partisan Election Protection organization that manages the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline.

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OT **poll observers** behind the impact report

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