

Summary of Qualifications for Chief Administrative Officer of the County Highway Department

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-7-104, candidates must file affidavits and such other evidence as the Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board shall require for certification not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the qualifying deadline for candidates in a popular election or, where the position is appointed, prior to appointment to the office.

If you live in Bledsoe, Carroll, Clay, Dyer, Hancock, Hawkins, Jackson, Perry, Stewart, or Wayne County, the qualifications for this office have changed since the 2010 election. Previous statutory exemptions have been removed, and all candidates (other than the incumbent, if running) must now meet the qualifications below.

In order to be certified, a candidate must have at least a high school diploma or GED and meet one of the following criteria:

1. Be a graduate of an accredited school of engineering, with at least 2 years' experience in highway construction or maintenance;
2. Be licensed to practice engineering in Tennessee;
3. Have a combination of education and experience equivalent to either of the above; or
4. Have at least 4 years' experience in a supervisory capacity in highway construction or maintenance.

Candidates must also meet the general qualifications to hold public office set out in Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-18-101, which provides that all persons of the age of eighteen (18) years who are citizens of the United States and of this state, and have been inhabitants of the state, county, district, or circuit for the period required by the constitution and laws of the state, are qualified to hold office under the authority of this state except:

1. Those who have been convicted of offering or giving a bribe, or of larceny, or any other offense declared infamous by law, unless restored to citizenship in the mode pointed out by law;
2. Those against whom there is a judgment unpaid for any moneys received by them, in any official capacity, due to the United States, to this state, or any county thereof;
3. Those who are defaulters to the treasury at the time of the election, and the election of any such person shall be void;
4. Soldiers, seamen, marines, or airmen in the regular army or navy or air force of the United States; and
5. Members of congress, and persons holding any office of profit or trust under any foreign power, other state of the union, or under the United States.