

## **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE**

The general qualifications of persons permitted to hold public office are set out in TCA § 8-18-101. This section 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.

### **General Provisions Governing the Causes of Vacancies:**

The causes of vacancies are set out in TCA § 8-48-101. This section provides that any office in this state is vacated by the following:

- (1) Death of the incumbent;
- (2) Resignation, when permitted by law;
- (3) Ceasing to be a resident of the state, or of the district, circuit, or county for which he was elected or appointed;
- (4) Decision of a competent tribunal declaring the election or appointment void or the office vacant;
- (5) Act of the general assembly abridging the term of office, where it is not fixed by the constitution;
- (6) Sentence of the incumbent, by any competent tribunal in this or any other state, to the penitentiary, subject to restoration if the judgment is reversed, but not if the incumbent is pardoned; or
- (7) Adjudication of the incumbent's insanity.

### **SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF:**

#### **Gallatin Alderman**

- No person shall be elected Alderman unless he or she shall have been a U.S. citizen and a bona fide resident of the City for at least two (2) years and in the case of a district alderman, he or she must have also resided in the district he or she seeks to represent at least six (6) consecutive months, all times calculated as prior to the last date for qualification for the election.
- No person shall be eligible to the office of Alderman who is employed by the City of Gallatin or holds any other office except that of Notary Public.
- No person elected and qualified to the office of, District Alderman, or Alderman-at-Large shall be eligible for the succeeding term in the same office if such person has served more than one-half of a four (4) year term and a consecutive completion of three (3) four year terms in that particular office. For purposes of this section, the office of District Alderman and Alderman-at-Large shall be considered separate elected offices.