

Nomination and Election Process for Directors

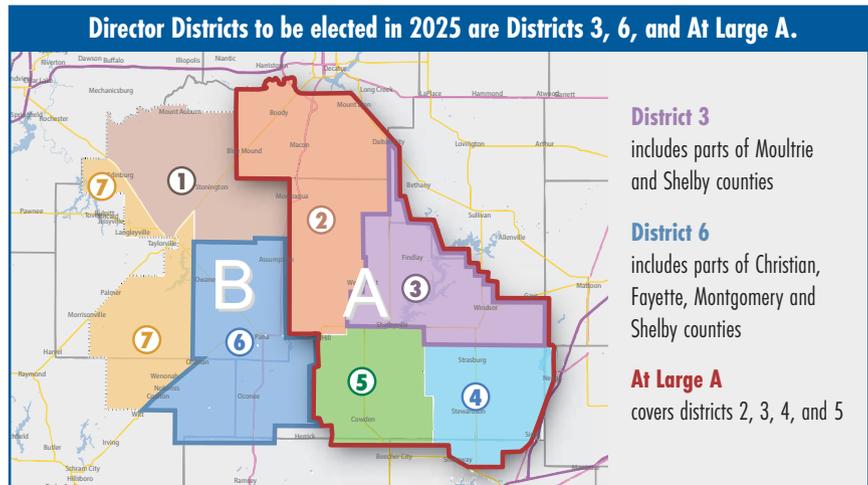
Shelby Electric Cooperative's 86th Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025, and will include the election of three directors.

Directors are elected from the cooperative's membership, and any active Class A member may seek election to serve as a director. An "active Class A member" is a Class A member currently receiving electric services from the cooperative.

The cooperative's board of directors consists of nine directors; seven of which are elected from each of the seven director districts, one of which is elected "at large" from the cooperative service area covered by districts 1, 6, and 7, and one of which is elected "at large" from the cooperative service area covered by districts 2, 3, 4, and 5. The directors' three-year terms of office are staggered. In 2025, directors will be elected from district 3, district 6, and At Large A for full three-year terms. Although directors are elected from particular director districts, **all active** Class A members may vote in every election.

The qualifications in the cooperative's bylaws to serve as a director are:

- Must be an active Class A member who is a natural person (not a corporation, etc.) and not a person acting in a representative capacity for a Class A member (not a Class A member's guardian, etc.)
- Must be a bona fide resident in the director district from which he or she is to be elected or a bona fide resident in the cooperative service area covering those districts for which the "at large" directors are elected (see above).
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must not have completed six or more three-year terms as a director.
- Must not be employed by or financially interested in:
 - Any business or enterprise engaged in the sale of any form of energy to the cooperative (other than any form of



energy that the cooperative is required by law to purchase) or to any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers.

- Any business or enterprise engaged in the delivery of any form of energy to the cooperative or any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers.
- Any other business or enterprise which is also engaged in by the cooperative or its subsidiaries, members, or consumers.

- Must not be the incumbent or a candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid, other than a township or school office.
- Must, if seeking reelection for a fourth full term, be certified by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to have successfully completed its course of training for rural electric cooperative directors.

A cooperative director is expected to:

- Attend all monthly board meetings, which generally last from three to five hours.
- Attend all special board meetings, committee meetings, and annual meetings of members.
- Attend all board meetings of other organizations for which he or she is a director representing Shelby Electric Cooperative.

- Complete the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director training during the first three-year term of office.

The cooperative's bylaws provide that directors shall typically be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members. The board of directors has discretion, however, to direct that an election be conducted exclusively through written ballots submitted by mail or through online Internet voting. While the board of directors anticipates conducting the election by ballot at the annual meeting, a final determination has not yet been made. Additional information will be provided.

Nominating petitions and Statement of Qualifications are available through the cooperative's legal counsel, Rammelkamp Bradney, and may be requested by contacting Amy Jackson via telephone at 217-245-6177, email at ajackson@rblawyers.net, or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, IL 62651-0550. Nominating petitions must be signed by 15 or more active Class A members. The nominating petition and a Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that the potential nominee meets the qualifications must be filed with the secretary of the cooperative (or the secretary's designee) by Friday April 4, 2025, at 4 p.m.

WHY WE TRIM TREES

The majority of power outages are caused by tree-related issues. It is our job to ensure trees, branches, and limbs are a safe distance from power lines to avoid fire hazards and power interruptions.



Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) maintains approximately 45,500 poles over 2,200 miles of energized line in all or parts of nine counties.

The cooperative provides reliable electricity more efficiently through right-of-way (ROW) clearing and tree trimming. ROW refers to the portion

of land under and around power lines and equipment that SEC has the right and responsibility to clear and maintain.

“A lot of things can cause power interruptions — weather, animals, and equipment failure to name a few. However, approximately 70 percent of SEC’s power interruptions occur due to trees interfering with power lines,” says SEC Construction Superintendent Brian Chevalier.

A clear ROW cuts down on annoying blinks and outages, along with making it easier for linemen to access and fix other issues that may occur. SEC seeks to provide you with safe, reliable electric service all year round, and our ROW maintenance program is just one more tool to help the co-op achieve this goal.

2025 Tree Trimming, Spraying, & Pole Change Out Information

Shelby Electric Cooperative’s (SEC’s) operations department maintains an annual schedule for tree trimming, spraying, pole inspections, and pole change outs. With different projects and regular ongoing work orders, our crews and contractors will be working throughout the whole service territory in 2025. When we are in a concentrated area, we will let our members know via social media and by other means. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the cooperative at 217-774-3986 or 800-677-2612.



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CAUSES OF CO-OP POWER INTERRUPTIONS

Power outages may be caused by many unknown factors but bad weather remains the primary cause.

-  **Weather 31%**
-  **Equipment 14%**
-  **Maintenance 12%**
-  **Animals 11%**
-  **Planned Outages 7%**
-  **Other 7%**
-  **Power Supply 5%**
-  **Public 5%**

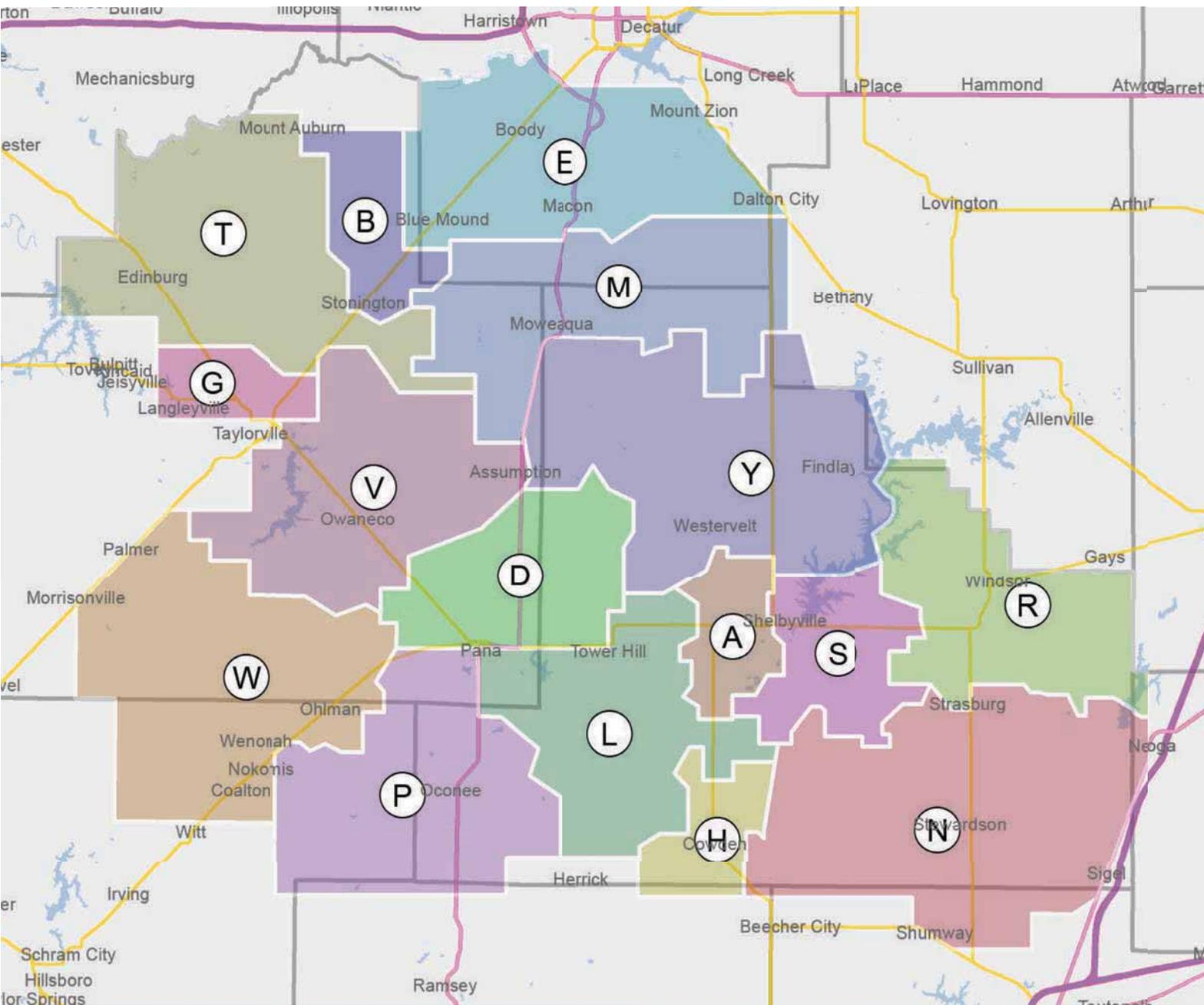
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Scan QR code to watch a time-lapse video of a ROW crew at work.



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Shelbyville	S
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Scholarship Reminder

Three \$1,000 scholarships available!

Time is running out to submit your Shelby Electric Cooperative scholarship application. See guidelines and official rules by scanning the QR code. Download an application or pick one up from your high school guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: March 5, 2025

Applications may be delivered to the office, mailed, or emailed.
Shelby Electric Cooperative
Attn: SEC Scholarship
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Shelbyville, IL 62565
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217-774-3986



ENERGY TIP

Lengthen the life of your clothes dryer with regular cleaning. Clean the lint filter after every load, which improves air circulation and safety. Check the lint trap opening and use a vacuum to remove any lint that's fallen inside.

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