Number of candidates makes preliminary election necessary

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Five Kirksville residents are vying for two open seats on the city council, and a state mandate requires a primary election to determine the number of candidates for the November general election. Candidates are required to be registered voters, but signature requirements are based on the number of candidates for the seat. The two open seats on the city council were declared vacant in January. The city council made it clear that it would not fill the seats until the two seats are filled in the election. City Manager Matt Murray said that the city council has not made any decisions on the number of candidates for the two seats. City Manager Matt Murray said that the city council has not made any decisions on the number of candidates for the two seats. City Manager Matt Murray said that the city council has not made any decisions on the number of candidates for the two seats.