

2023

KENTUCKY ELECTION INFORMATION

OFFICES TO BE FILLED FOR REGULAR TERMS IN 2023

STATE OFFICERS: Governor/Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State ★ Attorney General ★ Auditor of Public Accounts

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DATE	SUBJECT	KRS	DATE	SUBJECT	KRS
November 9, 2022	Earliest date for the affixing of signatures on candidate filing forms for an office on the ballot in 2023 (not prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year the office will appear on the ballot).	KRS 118.125(2) KRS 118.165 KRS 118.315(2) KRS 118A.060(2) KRS 83A.045	June 5	Last day for State Board of Elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of nomination (not later than the third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5)
December 31, 2022	Last day to change political party affiliation and be eligible to vote in that political party's upcoming primary election.	KRS 116.055	June 6 4 p.m.	Candidate filing deadline: last day to file any petition, certificate, statement, or nomination papers that must be filed by the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June preceding the election for the office sought.	KRS 118.365 KRS 83A.045(1)(b)
January 6 4 p.m.	Candidate filing deadline: last day to file nomination papers for candidates who must run in primary (first Friday following the first Monday in January).	KRS 118.165 KRS 83A.045 KRS 118A.060(2)	June 7	When city boundaries extend beyond single county, county clerk shall certify names as required by KRS 83A.047 (on the day following candidate filing deadline).	KRS 83A.047
January 9	When city boundaries extend beyond single county, county clerk shall certify names as required by KRS 83A.047 (on the day following candidate filing deadline).	KRS 83A.047	June 8 2 p.m.	Public drawing for ballot position in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (the Thursday following the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June preceding the regular election).	KRS 118.225(2),(3) KRS 118A.090 (1)
January 12 2 p.m.	Public drawing for ballot position in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (the Thursday following the filing deadline for the primary).	KRS 118.225(2),(3) KRS 118A.060(4)	June 15	Last day for county clerks to send precinct rosters and recapitulation sheets to State Board of Elections (within 30 days after any primary or general election).	KRS 117.275(7) KRS 117.355(3)
January 17	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (the second Monday after the filing deadline for the primary). [Monday, 1/16 is Martin Luther King Holiday]	KRS 118.215(1)(a) KRS 118A.060(5)	August 8	Candidate filing deadline: last day for candidates to file a petition due to a vacancy occurring after the June filing deadline but less than 3 months before the election (not later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the regular election for the office sought).	KRS 118.115(3) KRS 118.375(2) KRS 118A.100(3)
January 31	Local Option for Primary Ballot Deadline: For a local option election to be held on the day fixed for holding a primary, the petition shall be filed not later than the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary.	KRS 242.030(4)	August 8	Local Option for General Ballot Deadline: For a local option election to be held on the day fixed for holding a general, the petition shall be filed not later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for holding the general.	KRS 242.030(5)
February 28	Last day for county clerks to notify State Board of Elections if there are too many certified candidates to be accommodated on the voting machines (last Tuesday in February).	KRS 118.215(5)	August 28	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (Not later than the fourth Monday in August for the regular election).	KRS 118.215(1)(b) KRS 118A.090(2)
March 15	Last day for Republican and Democratic county executive committees to submit names for appointment of precinct officers to county boards of elections (March 15 each year).	KRS 117.045(2)	August 29	Last day for county clerks to notify State Board of Elections if there are too many certified candidates to be accommodated on the voting machine (last Tuesday in August).	KRS 118.215(5)
March 20	Last day for county boards of elections to appoint precinct officers (March 20 each year).	KRS 117.045(1)	September 18	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots (at least 50 days before election).	KRS 117.085(5)(b) KRS 117.145(1) KRS 117A.150
March 27	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots for primary (50 days before primary).	KRS 117.085(5)(b) KRS 117.145(1) KRS 117A.150	September 20	Last day for county boards of elections to establish voting places (September 20 of each year).	KRS 117.065(1)
March 31*	Last day for county clerks to transmit absentee ballots to voters who request absentee ballots prior to the printing of the ballots (within 4 days of the receipt of the printed ballots). *Except for absentee ballot requests by military and overseas voters that are received at least 45 days before the election, absentee ballots that are requested after the receipt of the ballots by the county clerks shall be transmitted to the voter within 4 days of the receipt of the application.	KRS 117.085(5)(a)	September 22*	Last day for county clerks to transmit absentee ballots to voters who request absentee ballots prior to the printing of the ballots (within 4 days of the receipt of the printed ballots). *Except for absentee ballot requests by military and overseas voters that are received at least 45 days before the election, absentee ballots that are requested after the receipt of the ballots by the county clerk shall be mailed to the voter within 4 days of receipt of the application.	KRS 117.085(5)(a)
April 1	Last day for county clerks to transmit absentee ballots to military and overseas voters whose absentee ballot requests are received by that date (45 days before the election).	KRS 117A.080 52 USC § 20302(a)(8)	September 23	Last day for county clerks to transmit absentee ballots to military and overseas voters whose absentee ballot requests are received by that date (45 days before the election).	KRS 117A.080 52 USC § 20302(a)(8)
April 1	Online mail-in absentee request portal to open (45 days before the election).	KRS 117.085(1)(f)	September 23	Online mail-in absentee request portal to open (45 days before the election).	KRS 117.085(1)(f)
April 3 4 p.m. **	Last day for independent, political organization and political group candidates, except candidates for federal office and candidates for mayor or legislative body in cities of the home rule class participating in partisan elections, to file a statement-of-candidacy form with the same office at which nomination papers are filed (not later than April 1 preceding the day fixed by law for holding of regular elections for the offices sought). *No person shall file a statement-of-candidacy form for more than one public office during an election cycle. ** If the office in which the statement-of-candidacy form is to be filed is closed on April 1, the form may be filed on the next business day.	KRS 118.367(1)	October 8 to November 2	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day).	KRS 117.389
April 17 to May 11	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day). [April 16 is a Sunday]	KRS 117.389 KRS 446.060(2)	October 10*	Last day to register to vote for the general election. ● Online Registrations must be received by 4:00 pm Local Time; ● Mailed Registrations can be Postmarked 10/10 and be counted. ● Registrations returned to the Clerk's Office accepted by close of business. *Monday 10/9 is Columbus Day Holiday	KRS 116.045(2) KRS 116.0452(1)
April 17	Last day to register to vote for the primary. ● Online Registrations must be received by 4:00 pm Local Time; ● Mailed Registrations can be Postmarked 4/17 and be counted. ● Registrations returned to the Clerk's Office accepted by close of business.	KRS 116.045(2) KRS 116.0452(1)	October 11 to November 13	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following election). Columbus Day Holiday causes the date discrepancy.	KRS 116.045(2)
April 18 to May 22	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following primary).	KRS 116.045(2)	October 18	Last day for lists of challengers to be submitted to county clerks (at least 20 days before election).	KRS 117.315(2),(3)&(5)
April 21	Last day for candidates to submit lists of proposed challengers to the chair or secretary of county political party committee (not later than the third Friday in April).	KRS 117.315(1)	October 19	Last day for county clerks to notify county boards of elections that absentee machines are ready for use (not later than 4 business days preceding the date set to conduct excused in-person absentee voting). *in-person absentee voting to begin Wednesday, 10/25	KRS 117.165(2)
April 26	Last day for lists of challengers to be submitted to county clerks (at least 20 days before primary).	KRS 117.315	October 19	Last day for county boards of elections to publish notice of time when the absentee voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(2)
April 27	Last day for county clerks to notify county boards of elections that absentee machines are ready for use (not later than 4 business days preceding the date set to conduct excused in-person absentee voting). *in-person absentee voting to begin Wednesday 5/3	KRS 117.165(2)	October 20	Last day for county boards of elections to examine absentee machines (not later than 3 business days preceding the date set to conduct excused in-person absentee voting). *in-person absentee voting to begin Wednesday, 10/25	KRS 117.165(2)
April 27	Last day for county boards of elections to publish notice of time when the absentee voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(2) KRS 424.130(1)(d)	October 20	Last day for State Board of Elections to furnish county clerks with lists of registered voters (at least 18 days before election).	KRS 117.025(3)(c)
April 28	Last day for county boards of elections to examine absentee machines (not later than 3 business days preceding the date set to conduct excused in-person absentee voting). *in-person absentee voting to begin Wednesday 5/3	KRS 117.165(2)	October 24 11:59 p.m.	Online mail-in absentee request portal to close (14 days before the election).	KRS 117.085(1)(f)
April 28	Last day for State Board of Elections to furnish county clerks with lists of registered voters (at least 18 days before primary).	KRS 117.025(3)(b)	October 24 to November 7	Voter or their legally authorized agent may submit a notarized paper application for an absentee ballot because of a medical emergency (within 14 days or less of an election).	KRS 117.077
May	County Fiscal Courts shall initiate reapportionment proceedings in May of the third year following the 2020 decennial census of the United States.	General Assembly HB 212 (2022 Session) KRS 67.045	October 24 to November 7	County board of elections or central counting board may meet to review and process the mail-in absentee ballots cast in the county (may begin up to 14 days prior to the day of a general).	KRS 117.087(3)(a)
May 2 11:59 p.m.	Online mail-in absentee request portal to close (14 days before the election).	KRS 117.085(1)(f)	October 25 to November 1	Excused, In-Person Absentee Voting: qualified voters may make application to cast an absentee ballot during normal business hours during the six (6) business days immediately preceding the Thursday of no-excuse in-person absentee voting period. MUST HAVE ONE OF THE DESIGNATED REASONS TO CAST A BALLOT DURING THIS PERIOD	KRS 117.076(2)
May 2 to May 16	Voter or their legally authorized agent may submit a notarized paper application for an absentee ballot because of a medical emergency (within 14 days or less of an election).	KRS 117.077	October 27 4 p.m.	Last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (on or before fourth Friday in October).	KRS 117.265(2)
May 2 to May 16	County board of elections or central counting board may meet to review and process the mail-in absentee ballots cast in the county (may begin up to 14 days prior to the day of a primary).	KRS 117.087(3)(a)	October 28	Last day for county boards of elections to send election officers written notice of appointment (not less than 10 days before election).	KRS 117.045(7)
May 3 to May 10	Excused, In-Person Absentee Voting: qualified voters may make application to cast an absentee ballot during normal business hours during the six (6) business days immediately preceding the Thursday of no-excuse in-person absentee voting period. MUST HAVE ONE OF THE DESIGNATED REASONS TO CAST A BALLOT DURING THIS PERIOD	KRS 117.076 (2)	October 31	Last day to apply for a military-overseas ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before the election). Applications, including the declaration accompanying a federal write-in absentee ballot, must be received by this day. *An application for a military-overseas ballot for a primary, whether timely, is effective as an application for a military-overseas ballot for the regular election.	KRS 117A.060(4) KRS 117A.070 KRS 117.085(1)(i)
May 6	Last day for county boards of elections to give precinct officers written notice of appointment (not less than 10 days before primary).	KRS 117.045(7)	October 31	Last day for any voter who has received an absentee ballot by mail but who knows at least 7 days before election day that he or she will be in the county on election day and who has not voted the absentee ballot to cancel his or her absentee ballot and return it to the county clerk's office (no later than 7 days before the election). Such voter shall vote in person.	KRS 117.085(8) KRS 117.085(10)
May 9	Last day to apply for a military-overseas ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before primary). Applications, including the declaration accompanying a federal write-in absentee ballot, must be received by this day. *An application for a military-overseas ballot for a primary, whether timely, is effective as an application for a military-overseas ballot for the regular election.	KRS 117A.060(4) KRS 117A.070 KRS 117.085(1)(i)	November 2 to November 4	In-person no-excuse absentee voting to be conducted in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections.	KRS 117.076(1)
May 9	Last day for any voter who has received an absentee ballot by mail but who knows at least 7 days before election day that he or she will be in the county on election day and who has not voted the absentee ballot to cancel his or her absentee ballot and return it to the county clerk's office (no later than 7 days before the election). Such voter shall vote in person.	KRS 117.085(8) KRS 117.085(10)	November 2	Last day for county clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (Thursday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
May 11 to May 13	In-person no-excuse absentee voting to be conducted in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections.	KRS 117.076(1)	November 2	Last day for county boards of elections to publish notice of time when voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(1)
May 11	Last day for county clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (not later than Thursday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)	November 3	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before election).	KRS 424.290(1)
May 11	Last day for county boards of elections to publish notice of time when voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(1) KRS 424.130(1)(d)	November 3	Last day for county clerks to equip machines with supplies for write-in votes (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.145(5)
May 11	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before primary).	KRS 424.290(1)	November 3	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
May 12	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than the Friday before primary).	KRS 117.165(1)	November 7	● General Election Day (first Tuesday after first Monday in November). ● Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing time. ● County boards of elections to be in session all day. ● County boards of elections to meet at county clerk's office at 8 a.m. to count absentee ballots, but the absentee ballot results shall not be made public until after 6 p.m., prevailing time. ● Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m. prevailing time. Information contained in an application for an absentee ballot shall not be made public until after the close of business hours on Election Day for which the application applies. There is no prohibition to disclose at any time, upon request, the total number of applications for absentee ballots that have been filed.	Ky. Const. § 148 KRS 118.025(4) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.086(1)(b) KRS 117.087(3),(7) KRS 117.085(12)
May 16	● Primary Election Day (first Tuesday after third Monday in May) ● Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing time. ● County boards of elections to be in session all day. ● County boards of elections to meet at county clerk's office at 8 a.m. to count absentee ballots, but the absentee ballot results shall not be made public until after 6 p.m., prevailing time. ● Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m. prevailing time. Information contained in an application for an absentee ballot shall not be made public until after the close of business hours on Election Day for which the application applies. There is no prohibition to disclose at any time, upon request, the total number of applications for absentee ballots that have been filed.	KRS 118.025(3) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.086(1)(b) KRS 117.087(3),(7) KRS 117.085(12)	November 8	Earliest date for the affixing of signatures on candidate filing forms for an office on the ballot in 2024 (not prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year the office will appear on the ballot).	KRS 118.125(2) KRS 118.165(1) KRS 118.315(2) KRS 118A.060(2) KRS 83A.045
May 17 to June 15	Voting machines and ballot boxes to be locked 30 days following election and shall be under video surveillance.	KRS 117.295(1)	November 8 to December 7	Voting machines and ballot boxes to be locked 30 days following election and shall be under video surveillance.	KRS 117.295(1)
May 19 12 p.m.	County boards of elections shall certify the total number of votes to the Secretary of State's office (not later than 12 p.m., prevailing time, on the Friday following the election).	KRS 118.425(4)	November 13* 12 p.m.	County boards of elections shall certify the total number of votes to the Secretary of State's office (not later than 12 p.m., prevailing time, on the Friday following the election). *Friday, November 10, 2023 is Veterans Day Holiday.	KRS 118.425(4) KRS 446.030(1)(b)
May 19	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after primary).	KRS 117.355(1)	November 13*	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after election).	KRS 117.355(1) KRS 446.030(1)(b)
May 23 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after primary).	KRS 117.305(1)	November 14 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after election).	KRS 117.305(1)
May 25 9 a.m.	County boards of elections shall conduct any requested recanvass (at 9 a.m. on Thursday after deadline to request a recanvass, and not sooner).	KRS 117.305(3)	November 16 9 a.m.	County boards of elections shall conduct any requested recanvass (at 9 a.m. on Thursday after deadline to request a recanvass).	KRS 117.305(3)
May 26	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports with the State Board of Elections and county grand jury (within 10 days after primary).	KRS 117.355(2)	November 17	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports with the State Board of Elections and county grand jury (within 10 days after election).	KRS 117.355(2)
May 30*	Last day for county boards of elections to issue certificates of nomination (not later than the second Monday after election). *Monday, May 29, 2023 is Memorial Day Holiday.	KRS 118.425(2)	November 20	County boards of elections (except counties containing cities of the first class; see KRS 118.425(3)) shall issue certificates of election (not later than second Monday after the election).	KRS 118.425(2)
			November 27	Last day for State Board of Elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (not later than third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5)
			December 7	Last day for county clerks to send precinct rosters and recapitulation sheets to State Board of Elections (within 30 days after any primary or general election).	KRS 117.275(7) KRS 117.355(3)
			December 31	Last day to change political party affiliation and be eligible to vote in that political party's upcoming primary election.	KRS 116.055

REGISTRATION AND VOTING

Persons 18 years old, or those who will become 18 by the 2023 regular November election and who will possess the 30-day residential qualifications in precinct by said election, may register and vote (Const. §145; 116.025); however, no person can vote in any election until he/she reaches the age of 18 except in the primary election, and only when he/she possesses the residential qualifications and will be 18 on or before the regular election day. (116.055) Each voter is required to sign name on precinct list at polls prior to voting. (117.225) Any voter unknown to election officers will be required to confirm his/her identification by a document such as an operator's license, social security card or credit card. (117.227)



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