

2011 Kentucky Election Calendar

Date	Event	Authority
All dates are subject to change in accordance with any legislative amendments made during the 2011 General Assembly session.		
1/1/2011 ONLY	Deadline for city clerks to provide the county clerk in which the city is located with a list of all properties within the city and a map of the city boundaries to be used by the county clerk to maintain a roster of voters eligible to vote in city elections. (Documentation of any change to the boundaries of a city shall be reported to the county clerk in accordance with KRS 81A.470 and 81A.475.)	KRS 116.200(1)(a)
1/1/2011 ONLY	Deadline for school board districts to provide the county clerk with maps and written descriptions of the boundaries of each school board district located in the county for the county clerk to maintain a roster of voters who are eligible to vote in school board elections. (Documentation of any change to a school district's boundaries shall be reported to the county clerk within 60 days of the change or immediately if the change is within 60 days of the August 1 deadline in KRS 160.210(4)(d).)	KRS 116.200(2)(a)
1/25 4 p.m.	Candidate filing deadline: last day to file nomination papers for candidates who must run in primary (last Tuesday in January).	KRS 118.165(1) KRS 83A.045 KRS 118A.060
1/26	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
1/27 2 p.m.	Public drawing for ballot position at 2 p.m. in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (Thursday following last Tuesday in January).	KRS 118.225(2) & (3) KRS 118A.060(4)
2/7	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (second Monday after filing deadline).	KRS 118.215(1) KRS 118A.060(5)
2/22	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)
3/15	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)
3/21	Last day for county boards of elections to appoint precinct officers (March 20 each year). [See KRS 446.030(2)]	KRS 117.045(1)
3/28	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots for primary (50 days before primary).	KRS 117.085(5) KRS 117.145(1)
3/31	Last day for county clerk to mail absentee ballots to voters who request absentee ballots prior to the printing of the ballots (within 3 days of the receipt of the printed ballots. Absentee ballots which are requested subsequent to the receipt of the ballots by the county clerk shall be mailed to the voter within 3 days of the receipt of the application.)	KRS 117.085(4) 42 USC 1973ff-1(a)(8)(A)
4/1	Last day for independent, political group, or organization	KRS 118.367(1)

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4 p.m.	candidates, excludes candidates for federal office and candidates for mayor or legislative body in cities of the second to sixth 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 general elections for the offices sought. If filing office is closed on April 1, form may be filed on next business day).	
4/15	Last day for candidates to submit lists of proposed challengers to political party committee of county (not later than the third Friday in April).	KRS 117.315(1)
4/17 to 5/12	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day).	KRS 117.389
4/18	Last day to register to vote for the primary.	KRS 116.045(2)
4/19 through 5/23	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday proceeding through first Monday following primary). <small>[This time period may vary depending on whether the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday. If the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday, the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or federal holiday. KRS 446.030(1)(b)]</small>	KRS 116.045(2)
4/25	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (not later than 4 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). <small>[This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]</small>	KRS 117.165(2)
4/25	Last day for county board 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). <small>[This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]</small>	KRS 117.165(2)
4/26	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than 3 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). <small>[This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]</small>	KRS 117.165(2)
4/27	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (at least 20 days before primary).	KRS 117.315(1), (2) & (5)
4/29 to 5/16	Voter may make application to vote absentee in clerk's office <u>at least 12 working days before primary</u> . <small>[This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]</small>	KRS 117.085(1)(c)
5/4 to 5/17	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of an election).	KRS 117.077
5/9	Last day for county boards of election to send written notice of appointment to precinct officers (not less than 10 days before	KRS 117.045(7)

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	primary). [See KRS 446.030(1)(b)]	
5/10	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before primary). Applications must be received by this day.	KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085
5/10	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 vote in person. The voter shall return the absentee ballot to the county clerk's office no later than 7 days before the election.	KRS 117.085(7)
5/10 to 5/16	Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day, who learn of that confinement within seven (7) days or less of an election, may make application to vote absentee in the clerk's office.	KRS 117.085(1)(e)(5)
5/10	Last day for state board of elections to furnish county clerks with lists of registered voters (at least 5 days before primary) .	KRS 117.025(3)(b)
5/12	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (not later than Thursday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
5/12	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before primary).	KRS 424.290(1)
5/12	Last day for county board of elections to publish notice of time when the machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(1)
5/13	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than the Friday before primary).	KRS 117.165(1)
5/17	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. Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m., prevailing time. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots	KRS 118.025(3) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.035(4) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3)
5/18 to 5/27	Voting machines and ballot boxes to be locked (10 days following primary).	KRS 117.295(1)
5/20 12 p.m.	The County Board 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)
5/20	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after primary).	KRS 117.355(1)
5/24 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after primary).	KRS 117.305(1)
5/26 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(1)

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5/27	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports to the State Board of Elections and county Grand Jury (within 10 days after primary).	KRS 117.355(2)
5/27	Last day to file petition to contest election (within 10 days after primary).	KRS 120.055
5/27	Last day to file petition for recount (within 10 days after primary).	KRS 120.095(1)
6/6	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (not later than the third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5)
6/16	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)
8/9 4 p.m.	Candidate filing deadline: last day to file any petition, certificate, or statement that must be filed by second Tuesday in August.	KRS 118.365 KRS 118.375 KRS 83A.045
8/10	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
8/11 2 p.m.	Public drawing for ballot position at 2 p.m. in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (Thursday following second Tuesday in August).	KRS 118.225(2) & (3); KRS 118A.090 (1)
8/22	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (second Monday after the candidate filing deadline).	KRS 118.215(1) KRS 118A.090(2)
8/30	Last day for county clerk 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)
9/19	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots (at least 50 days before election).	KRS 117.085(5) KRS 117.145(1)
9/20	Last day for county boards of elections to establish voting places (September 20 of each year).	KRS 117.065(1)
9/22	Last day for county clerk to mail absentee ballots to voters who request absentee ballots prior to the printing of the ballots (within 3 days of the receipt of the printed ballots. Absentee ballots which are requested subsequent to the receipt of the ballots by the county clerk shall be mailed to the voter within 3 days of the receipt of the application.)	KRS 117.085(4) 42 USC 1973ff-1(a)(8)(A)
10/9 to 11/3	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day).	KRS 117.389
10/11	Last day to register to vote for the General Election. [Monday, October 10, 2011, is Columbus Day].	KRS 116.045(2)
10/12 through 11/14	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday proceeding through first Monday following election). [Monday, October 10, 2011, is Columbus Day]. [This time period may vary depending on whether the last day to register to vote falls on a state	KRS 116.045(2)

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	or federal holiday. If the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday, the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or federal holiday. KRS 116.045(2)]	
10/17	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (not later than 4 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
10/17	Last day for county board 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). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
10/18	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than 3 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
10/19	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (at least 20 days before election).	KRS 117.315(2), (3) & (5)
10/21 to 11/7	Voter may make application to vote absentee in clerk's office at least 12 working days preceding election. [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.085(1)(c)
10/26 to 11/8	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days of election).	KRS 117.077
10/28 4 p.m.	Last day to file a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate (on or before the fourth Friday in October).	KRS 117.265(2)
10/31	Last day for county boards of election to send written notice of appointment to precinct officers appointed since the primary (not less than 10 days before election). [See KRS 446.030(1)(b)]	KRS 117.045(7)
11/1	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before election). Applications must be received by this day.	KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085
11/1	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 vote in person. The voter shall return the absentee ballot to the county clerk's office no later than 7 days before the election.	KRS 117.085(7)
11/1 to 11/7	Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day, who learn of that confinement within seven (7) days or less of an election, may make application to vote absentee in the clerk's office.	KRS 117.085(1)(e)(5)
11/1	Last day for state board of elections to furnish county clerks	KRS 117.025(3)(c)

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	with lists of registered voters (at least 5 days before election).	
11/3	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (Thursday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
11/3	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before election).	KRS 424.290(1)
11/3	Last day for county board of elections to publish notice of time when the machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(1)
11/4	Last day for clerk to equip machines with supplies for write-in votes (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.145(3)
11/4	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
11/8	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. Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m., prevailing time. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots.	Ky. Const. § 148 KRS 118.025(4) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.035(4) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3)
11/9 through 12/8	Voting machines and ballot boxes to be locked 30 days following election.	KRS 117.295(1)
11/9	Earliest date for the affixing of signatures on candidate filing forms for an office of the ballot in 2012 (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
11/9	Earliest date for candidates to file for an office on the ballot in 2012 (not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot).	KRS 117.265(2) & (4) KRS 118.165(1) KRS 118.365 KRS 118.367 KRS 118A.060(2) KRS 83A.045 KRS 83A.170 KRS 83A.175
11/14 12 p.m.	The County Board 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 11, 2011, is Veteran's Day]	KRS 118.425(4)
11/14	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after election). [Friday, November 11, 2011, is Veteran's Day]	KRS 117.355(1)
11/15 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after election.	KRS 117.305(1)
11/17	County Boards of Elections shall conduct any requested	KRS 117.305(1)

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9 a.m.	recanvass at 9 a.m. on Thursday after deadline to request recanvass, and not sooner. [Thursday, November 11, 2010, is a legal holiday. See KRS 446.030(2).]	
11/18	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports to the State Board of Elections and county Grand Jury (within 10 days after election).	KRS 117.355(2)
11/18	Last day for candidate to file petition for recount (within 10 days after election).	KRS 120.185(1)
11/21	County Board of Elections (except counties containing cities of the first class. See KRS 118.425(3)) shall issue certificates of election (not later than the second Monday after the election).	KRS 118.425(2)
11/28	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (not later than the third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5)
12/8	Last day to file petition to contest election or to petition for recount on public question (within 30 days after election).	KRS 120.155 KRS 120.250
12/8	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)
12/31	Last day for the state executive committee of each political party to notify the State Board of Elections of its decision whether to distribute its party's authorized delegate votes for presidential candidates at its party's national convention based on the results of a party caucus, a presidential preference primary, or a combination of the two (2) methods (not later than the December 31 preceding the day for conducting a presidential preference primary as set by KRS 118.561).	KRS 118.555(1)
12/31	Last day to change political party affiliation and be eligible to vote in that political party affiliations' upcoming primary election (on December 31 immediately preceding primary election). [This date may vary depending on whether it falls on a Sunday or legal holiday: If any proceeding is directed by law to take place, or any act is directed to be done, on a particular day of a month and that day is Sunday, the proceeding shall take place, or the act shall be done, on the next day that is not a legal holiday. KRS 446.030(2)]	KRS 116.055