

DECLARING YOUR CANDIDACY

Ballot Access Procedural Manual

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Dear Friends,

This updated publication titled, "Declaring Your Candidacy..." is a ballot access procedural manual for those Kentucky citizens contemplating seeking an elective office. This publication is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply.

Candidates and others using this publication must bear full responsibility to make their own determination as to all legal standards and duties.

Although this publication focuses primarily on candidate filing procedures, sample forms for attaining ballot access and qualifications for each elective office, we have included other important and pertinent election information that will directly or indirectly affect candidates.

I hope this publication will be an informative and useful tool to guide you through the election process. Should you have questions concerning this publication please contact Mary Sue Helm, Angela Evans, or Kim Bagwell in our Election Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trey Grayson".

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PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

The date of the primary election is governed by **KRS 118.025 (3)**:

“Primary elections for the nomination of candidates or slates of candidates to be voted for at the next regular election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in May of each year.”

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

The date of the general election is governed by **Kentucky Constitution, Chapter 148 and KRS 118.025 (4)**:

“.....All regular elections of State, county, city, town, urban-county, or district officers shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.”

“.....The election of all officers of all governmental units shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.”

DATE OF 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION: MAY 20, 2008

DATE OF 2008 GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Election Schedule Chart Thru the Year of 2013

It is most important for all individuals inquiring about candidate filing requirements to be familiar with the year in which the office they are seeking is on the ballot.

The following chart provides an election schedule listing all offices and the year thru 2013 that offices appear on the ballot. The year in which the office appears on the ballot determines the earliest filing date for candidates as well as the filing deadline date for candidates. The earliest date that candidates may file for an office is no 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. The latest filing date for candidates running in a primary is not later than the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The filing deadline for independents or political group/organization candidates (excluding President/Vice President) is not later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general elections. Also, candidates who attain ballot access by the petition process may NOT seek signatures on the petition prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

EXAMPLE: For offices appearing on the ballot in 2008

Primary Candidates:	Earliest date to file - Latest date to file (4:00 pm) -	November 7, 2007 January 29, 2008
General Election Candidates:	Earliest date to file Statement of Candidacy and affix signatures on petition - Earliest date to file a petition - Latest date to file a Statement of Candidacy-(4:00 p.m.)- Latest date to file a petition - (4:00 p.m.) (excluding President & Vice President)	November 7, 2007 November 7, 2007 April 1, 2008 August 12, 2008

The above earliest and latest dates **DO NOT** relate to campaign finance; only ballot access. To obtain information regarding the procedures for candidates to raise and expend campaign money, candidates should contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (4 Year Term)				X				X				X	
U.S. SENATE (Staggered 6 Year Term)		X2		X1				X2		X1			
U.S. HOUSE (2 Year Term)		X		X		X		X		X		X	
STATE OFFICERS* (4 Year Term)			X				X				X		
STATE SENATE (4 Year Term)													
Even Districts		X				X				X			
Odd Districts				X				X				X	
STATE HOUSE (2 Year Term)		X		X		X		X		X		X	
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD (Staggered 4 Year Term)		X1		X2		X1		X2		X1		X2	
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (Staggered 8 Year Term)													
Districts 1, 2, 4, 6						X							
District 3		X								X			
District 5								X					
District 7				X								X	
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (8 Year Term)						X							
CIRCUIT JUDGE (8 Year Term)						X							
DISTRICT JUDGE (4 Year Term)		X				X				X			
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY (6 Year Term)						X						X	
CIRCUIT CLERK (6 Year Term)						X						X	
COUNTY OFFICERS (4 Year Term)													
Judge/Executive, Magistrates, Commissioners,		X				X				X			
County Clerk, County Attorney, Jailor, Coroner,													
Surveyor, P.V.A., Constable, Sheriff													
CITY OFFICERS													
A. Mayor (Staggered 4 Year Term)		X2		X1		X2		X1		X2		X1	
B. Legislative Body (2 Year Term)		X		X		X		X		X		X	
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL													
1. At-large (3) (4 Year Term)		X				X				X			
2. Districts (1-12) (2 Year Term)		X		X		X		X		X		X	
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF GREATER LOUISVILLE													
(Staggered 4 Year Term**)													
1. Odd districts		X				X				X			
2. Even districts		X		X				X				X	

* Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture

** Transition schedule: Even numbered districts elected in 2002 for 2 year term; Odd numbered districts elected in 2002 for 4 year term; after 2002, all districts elected for 4 years.

Candidate Qualification/Authority Cites for each Elective Office

Possessing the required qualifications for an office is most likely the most critical factor for a candidate to attain ballot access and for maintaining candidate eligibility for a specific office.

The following chart provides the qualifications, constitutional or statutory authority setting forth the qualifications, filing official and filing fee for each elected office.

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
President (4 year term)	Must be at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, been 14 years a resident within the United States.	U.S. Const. Art. II, § 1	Secretary of State	Primary \$1,000.00 General \$500.00
Vice President (4 year term)	Must be at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, been 14 years a resident within the United States.	U.S. Const. Art. II, § 1		
U.S. Senate (Staggered 6 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, a U.S. citizen for 9 years, and, when elected, an inhabitant of the State for which he is chosen.	U.S. Const. Art. I, § 3	Secretary of State	\$500.00
U.S. House (2 year term)	Must be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for 7 years, and, when elected, and inhabitant of the State for which he is chosen.	U. S. Const. Art. I, § 2	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Governor (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, and have been a citizen and resident of Kentucky for at least 6 years next preceding his election.	Ky. Const. § 72	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Lieutenant Governor (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, and have been a citizen and resident of Kentucky for at least 6 years next preceding his election.	Ky. Const. § 72		
Attorney General (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election, and shall have been a practicing lawyer eight years before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91, § 92	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Secretary of State (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
Auditor of Public Accounts (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00
State Treasurer (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00
Commissioner of Agriculture (4 year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	Secretary of State	\$500.00
State Senator (Staggered 4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, resided in the State 6 years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the district for which he may be chosen.	Ky. Const. § 32	Secretary of State	\$200.00
State House (2 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, resided in the State 2 years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the county, town or city, which he may be chosen.	Ky. Const. § 32	Secretary of State	\$200.00
Supreme Court Justice (Staggered 8 year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth, and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	Secretary of State	\$200.00

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
<p>Judge of the Court of Appeals (8 year term)</p>	<p>Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 122</p>	<p>Secretary of State</p>	<p>\$200.00</p>
<p>Circuit Judge (8 year term)</p>	<p>Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 122</p>	<p>Secretary of State</p>	<p>\$200.00</p>
<p>District Judge (4 year term)</p>	<p>Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office and licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 2 years.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 122</p>	<p>Secretary of State</p>	<p>\$200.00</p>
<p>Commonwealth Attorney (6 year term)</p>	<p>At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate, and have been a licensed practicing lawyer for 4 years.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 100</p>	<p>County Clerk if representing only one county. All others file with the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>\$200.00</p>

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
<p>Circuit Court Clerk (6 year term)</p>	<p>At the time of election, must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate, and that he is qualified for the office for which he is a candidate.</p> <p>Additional requirement: must receive a passing grade of 70% or more on a written examination prepared and administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 100 SCR 1.060</p>	<p>County Clerk</p>	<p>\$50.00</p>
<p>County Judge/ Executive (4 year term)</p>	<p>At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 100</p>	<p>County Clerk</p>	<p>\$50.00</p>
<p>County Clerk (4 year term)</p>	<p>At the time of election, must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 100</p>	<p>County Clerk</p>	<p>\$50.00</p>
<p>County Attorney (4 year term)</p>	<p>At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county in which he is a candidate, and have been a licensed practicing lawyer for 2 years.</p>	<p>Ky. Const. § 100</p>	<p>County Clerk</p>	<p>\$50.00</p>

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
Sheriff (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00
Jailer (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate. The General Assembly has consolidated the offices of sheriff and jailer in counties containing a city of the first class and in urban county governments.	KY Const. § 100 KRS 71.110	County Clerk	\$50.00
Coroner (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00
Property Valuation Administrator (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate. Additional requirement: must possess a certificate issued by the Revenue Cabinet showing that he has been examined by it and that he is qualified for the office.	Ky. Const. § 100 KRS 132.380	County Clerk	\$50.00
Surveyor (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	County Clerk	\$50.00

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
Magistrate/ Justice of the Peace (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100, § 234	County Clerk	\$50.00
Commissioner (4 year term)	Must be at least 24 years of age, has been for two years next preceding his election, a resident of the county and a citizen of Kentucky, must have been a bona fide resident of the district he proposes to represent for at least one year immediately preceding the election.	KRS 67.060	County Clerk	\$50.00
Constable (4 year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and one year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate. (Shall possess the same qualifications as Sheriffs)	Ky. Const. § 100, § 101	County Clerk	\$50.00
Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors (Staggered 4 year term)	Shall be a resident of the county or district in which he serves as a supervisor, and upon moving from the county or district, the supervisor shall be ineligible to serve as a supervisor and his office shall be vacant.	KRS 262.240 § 4	County Clerk	\$20.00
Mayor** (Staggered 4 year term)	Must be at least 25 years of age prior to his or her election, a resident of the city for one year, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout his term of office.	KRS 83A.040 (1)	County Clerk	5th or 6th class city \$20.00 All others \$50.00
Legislative Body** (2 year term)	Must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the city for not less than one year prior to his or her election, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout his term of office.	KRS 83A.040 (4)	County Clerk	5th or 6th class city \$20.00 All others \$50.00

**Legislative Council of Greater Louisville and Greater Louisville Mayor filing qualifications are governed by KRS 67C.103 and 67C.105. Article 4 of the Lexington Fayette Urban-County charter governs Lexington Fayette Urban-County Government Mayor and Council filing qualifications.

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Office	Filing Fee*
<p>School Board Member</p> <p>(Staggered 4 year term)</p>	<p>Must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky for at least 3 years preceding the election, a voter of the district for which he is elected, completed at least the 12th grade or has been issued a GED certificate or has received a high school diploma in the external diploma program, and files an affidavit certifying completion of the 12th grade or the equivalent with his nominating petition. The candidate must not hold a state office requiring the constitutional oath or be a member of the General Assembly, nor may he hold or discharge the duties of any civil or political office, deputyship, or agency under the city or county of his residence, nor at the time of election is directly or indirectly interested in the sale to the board of services, supplies, or equipment purchased with school funds, nor has been removed from a board of education for cause, nor has a *relative employed by the school district.</p> <p>*Relative means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.</p>	<p>KRS 160.180 (2)</p>	<p>County Clerk</p>	<p>\$20.00</p>
<p>Write-In Candidates</p> <p>(Only allowed in General elections)</p>	<p>See qualifications for desired office.</p>	<p>KRS 117.265</p> <p>KRS 118.255</p>	<p>See filing officer for desired office.</p>	<p>\$20.00 for 5th and 6th class city candidates</p> <p>All others \$50.00</p>

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

On previous pages in this publication, we have listed the candidate filing deadline dates to attain ballot access. There are many other election dates that are most important to candidates and these dates may be viewed on pages 17 through 22 of the Election Calendar.

Below is a short list of important dates that candidates may want to carefully check when reviewing the entire 2008 Election Calendar:

2008

- 1/29 Primary filing deadline
- 1/31 Ballot position drawing
- 2/11 Certification of names of candidates
- 3/31 Ballot printing deadline
- 4/1 Statement of Candidacy deadline
- 4/21 Last date to register to vote
- 5/13 Last date to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (for Primary)
- 5/20 Primary election day
- 5/27 Deadline to request recanvass
- 5/29 Conduct requested recanvass
- 5/30 Last date to file petition for recount
- 5/30 Last date to file petition to contest election
- 6/9 Last day for state board to certify election results
- 8/12 Last date to file petition (excluding President & Vice President) for general election ballot access
- 8/14 Ballot position drawing
- 9/5 Last day to file petition & certificate of nomination for President & Vice President
- 9/15 Ballot printing deadline
- 10/6 Last day to register to vote
- 10/24 Deadline to file as write-in candidate
- 10/28 Deadline to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (for General)
- 11/4 General Election
- 11/12 Deadline to request recanvass
- 11/13 Conduct requested recanvass
- 11/14 Deadline to file petition for recount
- 11/24 Last day for State Board to certify results

The **2008 Kentucky Election Calendar** may be viewed on the following pages.

2008 Kentucky Election Calendar

Date	<i>Event</i>	Authority
1/8	State Board of Elections to convene to nominate as presidential preference primary candidates all those candidates of the political parties for the office of President of the United States who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds (second Tuesday in January preceding a presidential preference primary)	KRS 118.581
1/29	Last day for any person seeking the endorsement by a political party for the office of President of the United States to file a petition signed by five thousand (5,000) persons of the same political party or a notice of candidacy with supporting documentation (last Tuesday in January)	KRS 118.591
1/29 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
1/30	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
1/31 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) KRS 118A.090(1) KRS 118.601(2)
2/11	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (second Monday after filing deadline)	KRS 118.215(1)
2/19	Last day for Secretary of State to certify to county clerks names of candidates for presidential preference primary (Not later than the third Tuesday in February preceding the presidential preference primary)	KRS 118.601(3)
2/26	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)
3/20	Last day for county boards of elections to appoint precinct officers (March 20 each year)	KRS 117.045(1)
3/21	Deadline for city and school district boards to provide county clerks with information to maintain roster of eligible voters (60 days preceding primary)	KRS 116.200(1)

3/31	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots for primary (50 days before primary)	KRS 117.085(5) KRS 117.145(1)
4/1 4 p.m.	Last day for independent candidates 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)	KRS 118.367(1)
4/21 to 5/15	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day)	KRS 117.389
4/22 through 5/27	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding 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.)</small>	KRS 116.045(2)
4/30	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (at least 20 days before primary)	KRS 117.315(1)
5/2 to 5/19	Voter may make application to vote absentee in clerk's office <u>at least 12 working days</u> before primary <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)
5/7 to 5/20	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of an election)	KRS 117.077
5/12	Last day for county boards of election to give written notice of appointment to precinct officers (within 10 days before primary)	KRS 117.045(7)
5/13	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before primary). Applications must be received on this day.	KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085
5/13 to 5/19	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)(m)
5/13	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)
5/15	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)
5/15	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before primary)	KRS 424.290(1)
5/15	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)

5/16	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (Not later than the Friday before primary)	KRS 117.165(1)
5/20	Primary Election Day (first Tuesday after third Monday in May) Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. County boards of elections to be in session all day Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots Presidential Preference Primary Election	KRS 118.025(3) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.035(4) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3) KRS 118.561
5/21 to 5/30	Voting machines to be locked (10 days following primary)	KRS 117.295(1)
5/23	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after primary)	KRS 117.355(1)
5/27 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after primary)	KRS 117.305(1)
5/29 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)
5/30	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)
5/30	Last day to file petition to contest election (within 10 days after primary)	KRS 120.055
5/30	Last day to file petition for recount (within 10 days after primary)	KRS 120.095(1)
6/9	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (third Monday after election)	KRS 118.425(4)
6/19	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(4) KRS 117.355(3)
8/12 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
8/13	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
8/14 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) and (3); KRS 118A.090 (1)
8/26	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)

9/4	Last day for Secretary of State to certify to county clerks the names of candidates for the office of Court of Justice pursuant to KRS 118A.060 (Not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice President of the United States)	KRS 118.A.090(2)
9/5	Last day to file Petitions and Certificates of Nomination for elections of President and Vice President with the Secretary of State (not later than the Friday following the first Tuesday in September preceding the date fixed by law for the election of the electors)	KRS 118.365(6)
9/8	Last day for Secretary of State to certify the names of candidates to county clerks (Not later than the Monday after the Friday following the first Tuesday in September preceding a general election, for those years in which there is an election for President and Vice President of the United States)	KRS 118.215(1)
9/15	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots (at least 50 days before election)	KRS 117.085(5) KRS 117.145(1)
9/22	Last day for county boards of elections to establish voting places (September 20 of each year)	KRS 117.065(1)
10/6 to 10/30	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day)	KRS 117.389
10/7 through 11/10	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following election) (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 116.045(2)
10/15	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (at least 20 days before election)	KRS 117.315(3)
10/17 to 11/3	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)
10/22 to 11/4	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days of election)	KRS 117.077
10/24 4 p.m.	Last day to file a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate (not less than 10 days before election)	KRS 117.265(2)
10/28	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before election) Applications must be received on this day.	KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085

10/28 to 11/3	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)(m)
10/28	Last day for state board of elections to furnish county clerks with lists of registered voters (at least 5 days before election)	KRS 117.025(3)(c)
10/30	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (Thursday before election)	KRS 117.165(1)
10/30	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before election)	KRS 424.290(1)
10/30	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)
10/31	Last day for clerk to equip machines with supplies for write-in votes (not later than Friday before election)	KRS 117.145(3)
10/31	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than Friday before election)	KRS 117.165(1)
11/4	General Election Day (first Tuesday after first Monday in November) Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. County boards of elections to be in session all day Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots Election of Presidential electors	Ky. Const. § 148 KRS 118.025(4) KRS 118.035(1) KRS 117.035(4) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3) KRS 118.435
11/5 through 12/4	Voting machines to be locked (30 days following election)	KRS 117.295(1)
11/7	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after election)	KRS 117.355(1)
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11/14	Last day for candidate to file petition for recount (within 10 days after election)	KRS 120.185(1)
11/24	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (third Monday after election)	KRS 118.425(4)

12/4	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
12/4	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(4) KRS 117.355(3)
12/15 11:45 a.m.	Meeting of Presidential electors at state capitol (the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next after their election)	KRS 118.445
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)	KRS 116.055

REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES

filing for Primary Election for an office other than
President and Governor/Lt. Governor

Filing Form #SBE 66 – Notification and Declaration

**Filing Form #KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and
Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Filing Fee/Filing Official: Listed on pages 8-14

Establishing Campaign Account: For information regarding campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements received or expended in the year before the year the candidate appears on the ballot, contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for.” KRS 118.015 (1).

Republican and Democratic Party candidates (excluding President and Governor/Lt. Governor) attain primary ballot access by filing with the proper filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) a **Notification and Declaration**. Candidates (excluding federal) must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer & Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the notification and declaration with the filing official.

As mandated by KRS 118.125, the notification and declaration shall be signed by the candidate and by not less than two (2) registered voters of the same party from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination; shall include a declaration sworn to by the candidate that he or she possesses all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which the candidate has filed; shall be subscribed and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer an oath by the candidate and by two voters making the declaration and signing the candidate’s petition for office.

Only persons who are qualified under the provisions of KRS 116.055 to vote in any primary election for the candidates for nomination by the party at whose hands he seeks the nomination shall have his name printed on the official ballot of his party for an office to which he is eligible in that primary.

A sample form of the **Notification and Declaration SBE 66 (Revised 04/05) and the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** may be viewed on the following pages.



NOTIFICATION AND DECLARATION

(Republican and Democratic Candidates Filing for Primary Election for an office other than Governor/Lieutenant Governor)

Of _____ for nomination to the
(Name of Candidate – Please Type or Print)

office of _____ (Office sought) _____ (District number, when applicable)

To _____
(County Clerk or Secretary of State, as case may be)

For the purpose of having my name placed on the official primary election ballot as a candidate for nomination by the _____ Party, I, _____
(Name of candidate in full as desired on ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

do solemnly swear that my residence is _____
(Residential Address)

(City, if applicable) (County) KY (Zip)

that my mailing address, if different, is _____ KY _____
(Post Office Address) (City) (Zip)

and that I am a registered _____ voter in _____ precinct;
(Party)

that I believe in the principles of the _____ Party, and intend to support its principles and policies; that I meet all the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office which I am seeking; that if nominated as a candidate of such party at the ensuing election, I will accept the nomination and not withdraw for reasons other than those stated in KRS 118.105(3); that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law relating to corrupt and fraudulent practice in campaigns or elections in this state, and if finally elected I will qualify for the office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Candidate)

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

We, _____ and _____

do solemnly swear that we are registered voters and members of the same Party and are from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination; and that we believe _____
(Name of Candidate – Please Type or Print)

to be qualified to fill the office of _____
(Office sought)

(Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and _____
(Name of Voter)

_____ this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Name of Voter) (Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

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**APPOINTMENT OF
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 REQUEST FOR
 REPORTING EXEMPTION**

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If not date stamped, complete the following. Form filed with:
 Secretary of State **or**
 County Clerk _____
Name of County
 on _____ (Date Filed)

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FN _____ By _____ Date _____

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Please type or print)

Name of Candidate (as will appear on ballot)		County of Candidate's Residence	
Candidate's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Candidate's Telephone Number		Candidate's Alternate Telephone Number	
Candidate's Date of Birth	Optional - Additional Methods of Contact (Example: e-mail address, fax number, other telephone number)		

SECTION 2. ELECTION INFORMATION

Date of Election	Type of Election (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> General Election <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election or Election to Fill Unexpired Term	Is Candidate the Incumbent for This Office? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is Candidate Filing as a Write-In Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Office Sought	Jurisdiction of Office Sought, Including District, Circuit, or Division Number, if Applicable		
This Race is: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Partisan	If Partisan Race, Indicate Candidate's Designation on the Ballot: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

SECTION 3. TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Name of Treasurer - Required Designation Even if Candidate is Serving as Own Treasurer			
Treasurer's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Treasurer's Telephone Number		Treasurer's Alternate Telephone Number	
Name of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository		Address of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository	

SECTION 4. OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR REPORTING EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO KRS 121.180(1)

I am not requesting a reporting exemption. I intend to file all campaign finance reports. I understand that I will have campaign finance reports due 32 and 15 days before the election(s) and 30 days after the election(s). This is my intent for the: (Check One)

Primary and General Elections Primary Election Only General Election Only

EXEMPTION OPTION A. I expect to raise and spend \$3,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request an exemption from all pre-election reporting. I understand that I will have one campaign finance report due no later than 30 days after the election indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$3,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

Primary and General Elections Primary Election Only General Election Only

EXEMPTION OPTION B. I expect to raise and spend \$1,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request a reporting exemption. I understand that I will have no campaign finance reports due for the election(s) indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$1,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

Primary and General Elections Primary Election Only General Election Only

SECTION 5. AMENDED INFORMATION, REVOCATION OR CHANGE OF REPORTING EXEMPTION

If using this form to amend candidate, election, treasurer, or depository information, check this box.....

If using this form to revoke a prior request for exemption and/or to exercise a different option, check this box

Briefly describe reason for amendment, revocation, or change:

SECTION 6. VERIFICATION

I certify that I have examined this Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject me to the penalties of KRS 121.990.

Candidate's Signature _____ **Date** _____ / _____ / _____



INDEPENDENT and POLITICAL GROUP/ ORGANIZATION CANDIDATES

filing for an office other than
President /Vice President and Governor/Lt. Governor

Filing Form #SBE 59A – Statement of Candidacy

Filing Form #SBE 59 & 59-2 – Nominating Petition

Filing Form #KREF-001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption

Filing Fee/Filing Official: Listed on pages 8-14

Establishing Campaign Account: For information regarding campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements received or expended in the year before the year the candidate appears on the ballot, contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

Political Organization Definition: “Political organization” means a political group not constituting a political party within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for presidential electors. KRS 118.025 (8).

Political Group Definition: “Political group” means a political group not constituting a political party or a political organization within the meaning of subsections (1) and (8) of this section. KRS 118.015(9).

To attain ballot access most Independent and Political Group/ Organization candidates are required to file a **Statement of Candidacy**. Candidates for federal office and partisan city office in the cities of the second to sixth class are exempt from filing the statement of candidacy. All candidates except those candidates who have been nominated by any qualified political organization must file a **Nominating Petition**.

The **Statement of Candidacy** form must be filed with the proper filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) not later than *April 1st preceding the general election. There is **NO** filing fee for the filing of the signed statement of candidacy. Failure to file the Statement of Candidacy form by the April 1st deadline shall result in rejection of the petition.

*If the office in which the statement-of-candidacy form is to be filed is closed on April 1st, the form may be filed on the next business day.

The Nominating Petition shall be filed with the proper filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) not later than the second Tuesday in August at 4:00 pm.

The number of signatures on a petition is determined by the office sought and the required number of signatures for each office on the ballot is listed below.

State officer or any officer for whom all the electors of the state are entitled to vote.....	5,000
Representative in Congress.....	400
County office, member of General Assembly, or Commonwealth's Attorney.....	100
Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.....	25
Board of Education.....	2
Magistrate/Justice of Peace /Constables.....	20
City Officer.....	2

A sample form of the **Statement of Candidacy SBE 59A (Revised 04/05)**, the **Nominating Petition SBE 59 & 59-2 (Revised 06/06)** and the **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** form may be viewed on the following pages.



STATEMENT-OF-CANDIDACY

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations required to file with the Secretary of State or county clerk other than Governor/Lt. Governor)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, do hereby state my desire
(City, State, Zip)

to become a candidate for the office of _____
district _____ of the political group/organization known as _____
(if applicable)

or as an independent candidate under the provisions of KRS 118.367.

I do further declare that I am aware that ballot access is obtained by filing a petition of nomination and that the filing of petitions of nominations for independent candidates shall not be accepted by the Secretary of State or the county clerk, if the candidate has not filed a Statement-of-Candidacy form. KRS 118.365(5)

(Signature of Candidate)

The deadline for filing a Statement-of-Candidacy form is **not later than April 1** preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general elections for the offices sought and may be filed no 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 118.367

Petitions of nomination shall be filed as required with the Secretary of State or county clerk **not later than the second Tuesday in August** preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general elections for the offices sought and may be filed no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the offices will appear on the ballot. KRS 118.365(5)

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NOMINATING PETITION

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations required to file with the Secretary of State or County Clerk other than Governor/Lieutenant Governor)

To _____ Commonwealth of Kentucky, _____ County:
(County Clerk or Secretary of State, as case may be)

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination, and being at least _____ in number, hereby petition you to cause to be printed on the official ballot of said county/counties _____

of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the regular election to be held on November _____ 20____
(Day) the name of _____ who resides at

_____ (Residential Address) _____ (City, State, Zip)
as a candidate for the office of _____ district _____
of the political group/organization known as _____ or as an independent candidate.

I, _____, hereby declare
(Name of candidate in full as desired on ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)
that I possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements for the office for which I have filed.

(Signature of Candidate)

Petitioners desire that the above candidate be designated on the ballot under the following attached figure or device:

Petitioners shall include residential address, signature affixation date, and date of birth. Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and residential address shall result in the signature not being counted.

DATE	BIRTH DATE	SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP



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(Additional pages may be used.)

KRS 118.315
SBE 59-2 (06/06)



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**APPOINTMENT OF
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If not date stamped, complete the following. Form filed with:
 Secretary of State **or**
 County Clerk _____
Name of County
 on _____ (Date Filed)

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FN _____ By _____ Date _____

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Please type or print)

Name of Candidate (as will appear on ballot)		County of Candidate's Residence	
Candidate's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State
Candidate's Telephone Number		Candidate's Alternate Telephone Number	
Candidate's Date of Birth	Optional - Additional Methods of Contact (Example: e-mail address, fax number, other telephone number)		

SECTION 2. ELECTION INFORMATION

Date of Election	Type of Election (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> General Election <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election or Election to Fill Unexpired Term	Is Candidate the Incumbent for This Office? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is Candidate Filing as a Write-In Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Office Sought	Jurisdiction of Office Sought, Including District, Circuit, or Division Number, if Applicable		
This Race is: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Partisan	If Partisan Race, Indicate Candidate's Designation on the Ballot: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

SECTION 3. TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Name of Treasurer - Required Designation Even if Candidate is Serving as Own Treasurer			
Treasurer's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State
Treasurer's Telephone Number		Treasurer's Alternate Telephone Number	
Name of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository		Address of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository	

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Primary and General Elections Primary Election Only General Election Only

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Primary and General Elections Primary Election Only General Election Only

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If using this form to revoke a prior request for exemption and/or to exercise a different option, check this box

Briefly describe reason for amendment, revocation, or change:

SECTION 6. VERIFICATION

I certify that I have examined this Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject me to the penalties of KRS 121.990.

Candidate's Signature _____ **Date** _____ / _____ / _____



CERTAIN INDEPENDENT and NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

filing for General Election

(Nonpartisan candidate does not include Judge of the Court)

Filing Form #SBE 60A & 60A-2 – Nominating Petition

**Filing form # KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Filing Fee/Filing Official: Listed on pages 8-14

Establishing Campaign Account: For information regarding campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements received or expended in the year before the year the candidate appears on the ballot, contact the **Registry of Election Finance** at 502-573-2226.

Certain Independents:

Republican and Democratic candidates for mayor or legislative body in cities of the second to sixth class that conduct partisan elections may attain ballot access for placement on the ballot as an **INDEPENDENT** by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form with the county clerk when filing the nominating petition.

The petition shall be signed by the candidate and by not less than two (2) registered voters who reside in the city from which the candidate seeks nomination and filed with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence no later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general election for the office sought.

Example for the 2008 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – August 12, 2008

Non Partisan Candidates for:

Board of Education.

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Mayor or legislative body candidates in cities of second to sixth class conducting **nonpartisan** elections.

Candidate filing requirements for the nonpartisan offices of Board of Education, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor and Mayor or legislative body candidates in cities of second to sixth class conducting **nonpartisan** elections are listed below:

Board of Education:

Candidates for school board attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk a **Nominating Petition**. This filing form is prescribed by the State Board of Elections and is numbered SBE 60A. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing a form titled **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** with the county clerk when filing the nominating petition.

The nominating petition shall be signed by the candidate and by not less than **two (2)** registered voters who reside in the school board district from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the county clerk no later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general election for the office sought.

Candidates for school board are required to file an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of the twelfth grade equivalent as determined by passage of the twelfth grade equivalency examination held under regulations adopted by the KY Board of Education. This affidavit is to be filed with the County Clerk when filing the nomination petition. A sample affidavit drafted by the KY Board of Education may be viewed on the following pages.

Example for the 2008 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – August 12, 2008

Soil and Water District Supervisors:

Candidates for Soil and Water District Supervisor attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the nominating petition with the county clerk.

The nominating petition shall be signed by not less than **twenty-five (25)** registered voters who reside in the soil and water conservation district from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the County Clerk no later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day fixed by law for the holding of general election for the office sought.

Example for the 2008 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – August 12, 2008

Nonpartisan City office NOT waiving primary:

Mayoral or city legislative body candidates in a city that by ordinance conducts nonpartisan city elections and does NOT by ordinance waive the primary attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the nominating petition with the county clerk.

The petition shall be signed by not less than two (2) registered voters who reside in the city from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the County Clerk no later than the last Tuesday in January of the year their name is to appear on the ballot.

Example for the 2008 Primary Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00pm) – January 29, 2008

Nonpartisan City office WAIVING primary:

Mayoral or city legislative body candidates in a city that by ordinance conducts nonpartisan city elections and by ordinance DOES waive the primary attain ballot access by filing with the County Clerk in the candidate's county of residence a **Nominating Petition**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing a form titled **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer & Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** with the County Clerk when filing the nominating petition.

The petition shall be signed by not less than two (2) registered voters who reside in the city from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall be filed with the County Clerk no later than the second Tuesday in August of the year their name is to appear on the ballot.

Example for the 2008 General Election:

Last day to file Petition (4:00 pm) – August 12, 2008

A sample form of the **Nominating Petition SBE 60A & 60A-2 (Revised 08/07)**, the **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** and for school board candidates a sample **Affidavit for School Board Candidacy and Membership (Revised 08/06)** may be viewed on the following pages.



NOMINATING PETITION

(Certain Independent candidates or Non-Partisan candidates required to file with County Clerk)

To _____
(County Clerk)

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination, and being at least _____ in number, hereby petition you to cause to be printed on the official ballot of said county/counties _____

of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the primary/regular election to be held on _____ 20____
(Month) (Day)
the name of _____ who resides at

(Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

as a candidate for the office of _____ district _____.

I, _____, hereby declare
(Name of candidate in full as desired on ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

that I possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements for the office for which I have filed.

(Signature of Candidate)

Petitioners shall include residential address, signature affixation date, and date of birth. Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and residential address shall result in the signature not being counted.

DATE	BIRTH DATE	SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP

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 County Clerk _____
Name of County
 on _____ (Date Filed)

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FN _____ By _____ Date _____

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Please type or print)

Name of Candidate (as will appear on ballot)		County of Candidate's Residence	
Candidate's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Candidate's Telephone Number		Candidate's Alternate Telephone Number	
Candidate's Date of Birth	Optional - Additional Methods of Contact (Example: e-mail address, fax number, other telephone number)		

SECTION 2. ELECTION INFORMATION

Date of Election	Type of Election (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> General Election <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election or Election to Fill Unexpired Term	Is Candidate the Incumbent for This Office? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is Candidate Filing as a Write-In Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Office Sought	Jurisdiction of Office Sought, Including District, Circuit, or Division Number, if Applicable		
This Race is: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Partisan	If Partisan Race, Indicate Candidate's Designation on the Ballot: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

SECTION 3. TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Name of Treasurer - Required Designation Even if Candidate is Serving as Own Treasurer			
Treasurer's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Treasurer's Telephone Number		Treasurer's Alternate Telephone Number	
Name of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository		Address of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository	

SECTION 4. OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR REPORTING EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO KRS 121.180(1)

I am not requesting a reporting exemption. I intend to file all campaign finance reports. I understand that I will have campaign finance reports due 32 and 15 days before the election(s) and 30 days after the election(s). This is my intent for the: (Check One)

Primary and General Elections Primary Election Only General Election Only

EXEMPTION OPTION A. I expect to raise and spend \$3,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request an exemption from all pre-election reporting. I understand that I will have one campaign finance report due no later than 30 days after the election indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$3,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

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EXEMPTION OPTION B. I expect to raise and spend \$1,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request a reporting exemption. I understand that I will have no campaign finance reports due for the election(s) indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$1,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

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SECTION 5. AMENDED INFORMATION, REVOCATION OR CHANGE OF REPORTING EXEMPTION

If using this form to amend candidate, election, treasurer, or depository information, check this box.....

If using this form to revoke a prior request for exemption and/or to exercise a different option, check this box

Briefly describe reason for amendment, revocation, or change:

SECTION 6. VERIFICATION

I certify that I have examined this Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject me to the penalties of KRS 121.990.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____



**AFFIDAVIT FOR
SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDACY
AND MEMBERSHIP**

County of _____

Commonwealth of Kentucky

_____, after being duly sworn, states as follows:
(Please print name)

1. That I certify that I have completed the twelfth (12th) grade or the equivalent as determined by passage of the twelfth (12th) grade equivalency examination (GED).
2. That I am providing this certification under penalty of perjury.

(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this date of _____
(Month Day Year)

(Notary Public)

(Commission Expiration Date)



NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

filing for the office of

COURT OF JUSTICE

Filing Form # SBE 68 – Court of Justice Petition for Nomination
Filing Form # KREF 001 – Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption

Judicial candidates attain primary ballot access by filing with the Secretary of State a **Court of Justice Petition for Nomination**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the Court of Justice Nominating Petition with the Secretary of State.

The petition shall be sworn to before an officer authorized to administer an oath by the candidate and by no less than two (2) registered voters from the district or circuit from which the candidate seeks nomination. The petition shall include a declaration sworn to by the candidate that he or she possesses all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which the candidate has filed.

Each candidate for nomination shall file a petition 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 and not later than the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election for the office.

A sample form of the **Court of Justice Nominating Petition SBE 68 (Revised 04/05)** and the **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** may be viewed on the following pages.



COURT OF JUSTICE PETITION FOR NOMINATION

for filing with

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

For the purpose of having my name placed on the Judicial Ballot for nomination to the office of:
(Check only the office sought)

- Justice of the Supreme Court, Circuit Judge, District Judge, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Family Circuit Judge

(Name of Court) District/Circuit Number (Division Number if applicable)

I, (Name of candidate in full as desired on the ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

state that I reside at (Residential Address)

City of KY, County of (Zip)

that my residence is in the district from which I seek nomination; and that I possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which I have filed hereby.

(Signature of Candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by (Name of Candidate)

this day of, 20.

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

We, and

state that we are registered voters of the judicial district/circuit above listed for which

(Name of Candidate) seeks nomination.

(Signature of Voter) (County of Residence)

(Residential Address) (City) (Zip) KY

(Signature of Voter) (County of Residence)

(Residential Address) (City) (Zip) KY

Subscribed and sworn to before me by (Name of Voter) and

(Name of Voter) this day of (Month), 20.

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)



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Name of County
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FN _____ By _____ Date _____

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Please type or print)

Name of Candidate (as will appear on ballot)		County of Candidate's Residence	
Candidate's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Candidate's Telephone Number		Candidate's Alternate Telephone Number	
Candidate's Date of Birth	Optional - Additional Methods of Contact (Example: e-mail address, fax number, other telephone number)		

SECTION 2. ELECTION INFORMATION

Date of Election	Type of Election (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> General Election <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election or Election to Fill Unexpired Term	Is Candidate the Incumbent for This Office? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is Candidate Filing as a Write-In Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Office Sought	Jurisdiction of Office Sought, Including District, Circuit, or Division Number, if Applicable		
This Race is: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Partisan <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Partisan	If Partisan Race, Indicate Candidate's Designation on the Ballot: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

SECTION 3. TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Name of Treasurer - Required Designation Even if Candidate is Serving as Own Treasurer			
Treasurer's Mailing Address: Street, P.O. Box, Rural Route		City	State Zip Code
Treasurer's Telephone Number		Treasurer's Alternate Telephone Number	
Name of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository		Address of Financial Institution Intended for Use as Campaign Depository	

SECTION 4. OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR REPORTING EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO KRS 121.180(1)

I am not requesting a reporting exemption. I intend to file all campaign finance reports. I understand that I will have campaign finance reports due 32 and 15 days before the election(s) and 30 days after the election(s). This is my intent for the: (Check One)

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EXEMPTION OPTION B. I expect to raise and spend \$1,000 or less during each election as indicated below which entitles me to request a reporting exemption. I understand that I will have no campaign finance reports due for the election(s) indicated unless my campaign exceeds the \$1,000 threshold at which time I will immediately begin filing the required campaign finance reports. This is my intent for the: (Check One)

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I certify that I have examined this Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject me to the penalties of KRS 121.990.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____



WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

for all offices other than

President/Vice President, Governor/Lt. Governor

**Filing Form # SBE/SOS/01 (08/07)- Declaration of Intent to be a
Write-In Candidate**

**Filing Form # KREF 001 - Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption**

Candidates (defeated primary city candidate ineligible as a candidate for the same office in general election) may seek office in a general election as a write-in candidate by filing with the appropriate filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) a **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate**. Write-in candidates must designate a campaign treasurer by filing an **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption** form when filing the declaration of intent with the filing official.

A person shall be ineligible as a write-in candidate for more than one (1) office in a general or special election. Write-in votes shall be counted **ONLY** for candidates for election to office who have filed with the appropriate filing official (Secretary of State or County Clerk) a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

The declaration of intent must be filed **not** less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the general or special election. The filing fee for filing as a write-in candidate is \$50.00, for all offices except the filing fee for candidates seeking a city office in a 5th or 6th class city is \$20.00.

A sample of the **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate SBE/SOS/01 (Revised 08/07)** and **Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption (KREF 001)** may be viewed on the following pages.



DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

To _____ Commonwealth of Kentucky
(Secretary of State or County Clerk, as case may be)

I, _____ reside at _____
(Name of Candidate - Please Type or Print) (Residential Address)

City of _____, County of _____ KY _____
(Zip)

and I intend to be a write-in candidate in the _____, 20 _____
(Month & Day) (Year)

regular/special election for the office of _____
(Office sought)

_____. I do further state if elected I will qualify for the office sought.
(District or Division if applicable)

_____.
(Signature of Candidate)

The voter must write-in your surname on the ballot, but may additionally write-in any of the name variations you have provided below to assist the county board of elections in determining voter intent when counting write-in votes on Election Day. These variations may include any name, in addition to your surname, that voters commonly use to identify you, which may be a nickname, initials or an abbreviated form of your name. 31 KAR 6:030, Section 6 (10) (Listed Below).

Example: James Richard Doe, J.R. Doe, Jimmy Doe, Jim Doe, Rich Doe, Richie Doe, Dickey Doe

KRS 117.265 (2): Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates for election to office who have filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Secretary of State or county clerk, depending on the office being sought, not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular or special election. The declaration of intent shall be filed no later than 4 p.m. local time at the place of filing when filed on the last date on which papers may be filed. The declaration of intent shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

31 KAR 6:030, Section 1. Definitions

- (5) "First name" means an individual's name or names given at birth, as distinguished from a family name or surname.
(6) "Name" means one or more first names coupled with one or more surnames.
(7) "Nickname" means a shortened version of an individual's name or a descriptive or alternative name, in addition to or instead of the first name or surname of an individual.
(10) "Surname" means the family name bestowed at birth, acquired by marriage, or legally adopted by choice.

31 KAR 6:030, Section 6. Definition of a Vote for Write-in Voting Generally.

- (1) Only votes cast for eligible write-in candidates under KRS 117.265 shall be considered valid and counted.
(2) A write-in vote for a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot label as a candidate shall not be counted as a vote under KRS 117.265.
(3) The use of stickers, labels, rubber stamps, or other similar devices shall not be counted as write-in votes.
(4) Any minor misspelling of the name of a candidate shall be disregarded in determining the validity of a write-in vote as long as the intended candidate can be clearly determined.
(5) Writing in only the surname of an eligible candidate shall constitute a valid vote, unless there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office. If there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office, writing in only the surname shall not constitute a vote.
(6) Writing in only the first name of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
(7) Writing in only the initials of a candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
(8) Writing in only the nickname of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
(9) If the voter writes in any other name along with the surname of an eligible write-in candidate, the other name written by the voter shall comply with the variations of names listed by the candidate on SBE/SOS/01, 02, or 03, to constitute a valid vote.
(10) Writing in the surname of the candidate for Governor or the surname of the candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall be sufficient to cast a write-in vote for the slate.
(11) Writing in the surname of the candidate for President or the surname of the candidate for Vice President shall be sufficient to cast a write-in vote for the slate.



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FN _____ By _____ Date _____

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Candidate's Date of Birth	Optional - Additional Methods of Contact (Example: e-mail address, fax number, other telephone number)			

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Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____



REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES

filing for Primary Election for the office of GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Filing Form # SBE 66A & 66A-2 - Notification and Declaration
**Filing Forms # KREF 001/G - Slate of Candidates Appointment of
Campaign Treasurer**

Party Definition: A "political party" is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for." KRS 118.015 (1).

Republican and Democratic party candidates attain primary ballot access for the office of **Governor and Lt. Governor** by filing with the Secretary of State a slate **Notification and Declaration**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer on documents prescribed by the Registry of Election Finance when filing the slate notification and declaration.

As mandated by KRS 118.125 (2)(b), the notification and declaration shall be subscribed and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer an oath by the candidate and by the two (2) voters making the declaration and signing the petition for office. The declaration shall be filed not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year the office will appear on the ballot and not later than the Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

Example for 2007 Primary:

Earliest date to file - November 8, 2006
Last date to file (4:00pm) - January 30, 2007

A sample form of the slate **Notification and Declaration** form **SBE 66A & 66A-2 (Revised 04/05)**, **KREF 001/G (Revised 04/05)** the **Slate of Candidates Appointment of Campaign Treasurer** may be viewed on the following page.



NOTIFICATION AND DECLARATION

(Republican and Democratic Candidates Filing for Primary Election for the office of Governor/Lieutenant Governor)

Of _____ and _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print) (Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print)

for nomination to the Office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

To _____
(Secretary of State)

For the purpose of having our names placed on the official primary election ballot as a slate of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for nomination by the _____ Party,

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

do solemnly swear that my residence is _____
(Residential Address)

(City, if applicable) (County) KY (Zip)

that my mailing address, if different, is _____
(Post Office Address) (City) KY (Zip)

and that I am a registered _____ voter in _____ precinct;
(Party)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

do solemnly swear that my residence is _____
(Street, Highway, Route)

(City, if applicable) (County) KY (Zip)

that my mailing address, if different, is _____
(Post Office Address) (City) KY (Zip)

and that I am a registered _____ voter in _____ precinct;
(Party)

that we believe in the principles of the _____ Party, and intend to support its principles and policies; that we will accept the nomination and not withdraw for reasons other than those stated in KRS 118.105(3); that we will not knowingly violate any election law or any law relating to corrupt and fraudulent practice in campaigns or elections in this state, and if finally elected we will qualify for our offices.

(Signature of Candidate for Governor)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor)

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

(Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)



We, _____ and _____ do solemnly swear that we are registered voters and members of the same Party and are from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidate for Governor seeks nomination; and that we believe _____ (Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print) to be qualified to fill the Office of Governor.

 (Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

 (Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and (Name of Voter)

_____ this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
 (Name of Voter) (Month)

 (Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

We, _____ and _____ do solemnly swear that we are registered voters and members of the same Party and are from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidate for Lieutenant Governor seeks nomination; and that we believe _____ to be qualified to fill the Office of Lieutenant Governor.

_____ (Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print)

 (Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

 (Signature of Voter) (County) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and (Name of Voter)

_____ this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
 (Name of Voter) (Month)

 (Signature of Notary/Officer) (Title of Officer) (Commission Expiration)

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REGISTRY USE

SLATE OF CANDIDATES
APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER

Please Type or Print
This form does not constitute registering a campaign committee

Logged _____

Keyed _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

(Slate is responsible for notifying the Registry of any change of information)

Candidate for Governor

Candidate for Lt. Governor

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

() - () -
Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

() - () -
Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

Candidate's Date of Birth

Candidate's Date of Birth

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Independent Other _____

TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Treasurer's Name

CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY (Depository must be a financial institution authorized to do business in Kentucky and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.)

Mailing Address

Name of Financial Institution intended for use as Campaign Depository

City State Zip

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Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

Address of Financial Institution intended for use as Campaign Depository

SIGNATURES

We hereby certify that the foregoing is our act and deed.

Signature - Candidate for Governor

Date

Signature - Candidate for Lt. Governor

Date

Signature - Treasurer for Slate

Date

FILING OFFICER: Attach original to filing papers and send duplicate copy immediately to the Registry.

INDEPENDENT and POLITICAL GROUP/ ORGANIZATION

candidates filing for the office of GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

Filing Form # SBE 59B - Statement of Candidacy
Filing Form # SBE 66B & 66B-2 - Nominating Petition
Filing Forms # KREF 001/G - Slate of Candidates Appointment of
Campaign Treasurer

Independents and political group/organization candidates attain general election ballot access for the office of **Governor and Lt. Governor** by filing with the Secretary of State a **Statement of Candidacy** and a **Nominating Petition**. The filing of the Statement of Candidacy is a prerequisite to file the petition of nomination. The statement of candidacy form, numbered SBE 59B, and the nominating petition, numbered SBE 66B, are prescribed by the State Board of Elections. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer on documents prescribed by the Registry of Election Finance when filing the slate petition.

The **Statement of Candidacy** form must be filed with the Secretary of State not later than **April 1st** preceding the general election. There is **no** filing fee for filing the signed statement of candidacy and failure to file the statement of candidacy by the candidates will result in rejection of the petition of nomination.

Example for General Election of 2007:

Last day to file (4:00pm) – April 2, 2007

(April 1st in the year of 2007 is on a Sunday;
therefore form may be filed on next business day.)

The **Nominating Petition** shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than **second Tuesday in August**. The nominating petition must be signed by the candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor and by no less than 5,000 registered voters. Signatures shall not be solicited prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

Example for General Election of 2007:

Earliest date to file affix signatures on petition - November 8, 2006

Last date to file (4:00pm) - August 14, 2007

A sample form of the **Statement of Candidacy SBE 59B (Revised 04/05)**, **Nominating Petition SBE 66B (Revised 04/05) & 66B-2 (Revised 08/06)**, the **Slate of Candidates Appointment of Campaign Treasurer KREF 001/G (Revised 05/05)**, may be viewed on the following pages.



STATEMENT-OF-CANDIDACY

(For independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations filing for only the office of Governor/Lt. Governor under the provisions of KRS 118.315 and 118.367)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, and
(City) (State) (Zip)

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

(City, State, Zip)

state our desire to become candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the political group/organization known as _____ or as independent candidates under the provisions of KRS 118.367.

We do further declare that we are aware that ballot access is obtained by filing a **petition of nomination** and the filing of petitions of nominations for independent candidates shall not be accepted by the Secretary of State if the candidate has not filed a Statement-of-Candidacy form. KRS 118.365(5)

(Signature of Candidate for Governor)

(Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

The deadline for filing a Statement-of-Candidacy form is **not later than April 1** preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general elections for the offices sought. KRS 118.367(1). The Statement-of-Candidacy form may be filed no 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.



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Canary copy: State Board of Elections
Pink copy: Candidate



NOMINATING PETITION

(Candidates Filing for Governor/Lieutenant Governor under the provisions of KRS 118.315)

TO: Secretary of State
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150
Capitol Building
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination and being at least 5,000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the general election to be held on November _____, 20_____, the names of the following persons as candidates of the political group/ organization known as _____ or as an independent candidate for the offices hereinafter designated, the names of said persons and their respective residences being as follows:

FOR GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

(Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City) KY (Zip)

We, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

and _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor in full as desired on the Ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)

hereby declare that if elected we will qualify for the above offices. We further state that we are qualified to be designated on the ballot as candidates of the political group/organization known as _____ or as an independent candidate.

(Signature of Candidate for Governor)

(Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

Petitioners desire that the candidates above be designated on the ballot under the following attached figure or device:



Petitioners shall include residential address, signature affixation date, and date of birth. Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and residential address shall result in the signature not being counted.

DATE	BIRTH DATE	SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP

SAMPLE

(Additional pages may be used)

SBE 66B-2 (08/06)



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REGISTRY USE

SLATE OF CANDIDATES
APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER

Please Type or Print
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Logged _____

Keyed _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

(Slate is responsible for notifying the Registry of any change of information)

Candidate for Governor

Candidate for Lt. Governor

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

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Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

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Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

Candidate's Date of Birth

Candidate's Date of Birth

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Independent Other _____

TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Treasurer's Name

CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY (Depository must be a financial institution authorized to do business in Kentucky and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.)

Mailing Address

Name of Financial Institution intended for use as Campaign Depository

City State Zip

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Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

Address of Financial Institution intended for use as Campaign Depository

SIGNATURES

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Signature - Candidate for Governor

Date

Signature - Candidate for Lt. Governor

Date

Signature - Treasurer for Slate

Date

FILING OFFICER: Attach original to filing papers and send duplicate copy immediately to the Registry.



WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Filing Form # SBE/SOS/ 03 - Declaration of Intent to be a
Write-In Candidate**

**Filing Forms # KREF 001/G - Slate of Candidates Appointment
of Campaign Treasurer**

Candidates may seek the Office of **Governor and Lt. Governor** as a write-in candidate by filing with the Secretary of State a slate **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate**. Candidates must designate a campaign treasurer on documents prescribed by the Registry of Election Finance when filing the slate declaration of intent.

A person shall be ineligible as a write-in candidate for more than one (1) office in a general or special election. Write-in votes shall be counted **ONLY** for candidates for election to office who have filed with the Secretary of State a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

The declaration of intent must be filed **not** less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the general or special election. The filing fee for filing as write-in candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor is \$50.00.

A sample of the **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate SBE/SOS/03 (Revised 08/07)**, **KREF 001/G Slate of Candidates Appointment of Campaign Treasurer (Revised 05/05)** may be viewed on the following pages.



GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES' DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To: SECRETARY OF STATE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Governor – Please Type or Print)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, KY _____
(City) (Zip)

and I, _____
(Name of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor – Please Type or Print)

reside at _____
(Residential Address)

_____, KY _____
(City) (Zip)

intend to be write-in candidates in the general election to be held on November _____, 20 _____
(Day) (Year)

for the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. We do further state that if elected we qualify for the offices sought.

(Signature of Candidate for Governor)

(Signature of Candidate for Lieutenant Governor)

The voter **must write-in your surname on the ballot**, but may additionally write-in any of the name variations you have provided below to assist the county board of elections in determining voter intent when counting write-in votes on Election Day. These variations may include any name, in addition to your surname, that voters commonly use to identify you, which may be a nickname, initials or an abbreviated form of your name. 31 KAR 6:030, Section 6 (10) &(11) (Listed Below).

Example: James Richard Doe, J.R. Doe, Jim Doe, Rich Doe, Richie- Rich Doe, Dickey Doe

KRS 117.265 (2): Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates for election to office who have filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Secretary of State or county clerk, depending on the office being sought, not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular or special election. The declaration of intent shall be filed no later than 4 p.m. local time at the place of filing when filed on the last date on which papers may be filed. The declaration of intent shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

31 KAR 6:030, Section 1. Definitions

- (5) "First name" means an individual's name or names given at birth, as distinguished from a family name or surname.
- (6) "Name" means one or more first names coupled with one or more surnames.
- (7) "Nickname" means a shortened version of an individual's name or a descriptive or alternative name, in addition to or instead of the first name or surname of an individual.
- (10) "Surname" means the family name bestowed at birth, acquired by marriage, or legally adopted by choice.

31 KAR 6:030, Section 6. Definition of a Vote for Write-in Voting Generally.

- (1) Only votes cast for eligible write-in candidates under KRS 117.265 shall be considered valid and counted.
- (2) A write-in vote for a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot label as a candidate shall not be counted as a vote under KRS 117.265.
- (3) The use of stickers, labels, rubber stamps, or other similar devices shall not be counted as write-in votes.
- (4) Any minor misspelling of the name of a candidate shall be disregarded in determining the validity of a write-in vote as long as the intended candidate can be clearly determined.
- (5) Writing in only the surname of an eligible candidate shall constitute a valid vote, unless there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office. If there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office, writing in only the surname shall not constitute a vote.
- (6) Writing in only the first name of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
- (7) Writing in only the initials of a candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
- (8) Writing in only the nickname of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
- (9) If the voter writes in any other name along with the surname of an eligible write-in candidate, the other name written by the voter shall comply with the variations of names listed by the candidate on SBE/SOS/01, 02, or 03, to constitute a valid vote.
- (10) Writing in the surname of the candidate for Governor or the surname of the candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall be sufficient to cast a write-in vote for the slate.
- (11) Writing in the surname of the candidate for President or the surname of the candidate for Vice President shall be sufficient to cast a write-in vote for the slate.



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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

(Slate is responsible for notifying the Registry of any change of information)

Candidate for Governor

Candidate for Lt. Governor

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

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Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

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Daytime Phone Alternate Phone

Candidate's Date of Birth

Candidate's Date of Birth

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Independent Other _____

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Treasurer's Name

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Signature - Candidate for Governor

Date

Signature - Candidate for Lt. Governor

Date

Signature - Treasurer for Slate

Date

FILING OFFICER: Attach original to filing papers and send duplicate copy immediately to the Registry.

KREF 001/G Revised 05/2005



PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY FILINGS FOR REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for.” KRS 118.015 (1).

There are four (4) methods by which a republican and democratic candidate may attain ballot access in a presidential preference primary. They are as follows:

(1) Pursuant to KRS 118.581 ballot access is attained by:

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will meet in Frankfort on the second Tuesday in January preceding a presidential preference primary for the purpose of nominating those candidates who have **qualified for matching federal campaign funds**. A list of those candidates is provided by the Federal Election Commission.

A **notification of nomination from the Secretary of State** will be sent to each candidate by certified mail, with return receipt requested, that he/she will appear as a candidate on the primary ballot of his/her party, provided that the candidate returns the notice of candidacy form sent by the Secretary of State and the \$1000 filing fee not later than 4:00pm on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

A sample form of the **Notification of Nomination and Notice of Candidacy** may be viewed on the following pages.



TREY GRAYSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ELECTION DIVISION
SUITE 148, STATE CAPITOL
700 CAPITAL AVENUE
FRANKFORT, KY 40601-3493
(502) 564-3490
FAX: (502) 564-2476
WEBSITE: www.sos.ky.gov

Document #1

**Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primary
Candidate Ballot Access Pursuant to KRS 118.581**

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will meet in Frankfort, Kentucky on January 8, 2008 for the purpose of nominating as Presidential Preference Primary candidates all those candidates of the political parties for the office of President of the United States who have qualified for matching federal campaign funds.

The Kentucky State Board of Elections will contact the Federal Election Commission just prior to the January 8, 2008 meeting to obtain a list of these candidates. Immediately upon completion of this requirement, the board will transmit a list of all the nominees selected to the Secretary of State and will also release the list to the news media.

A notification of nomination from the Secretary of State will be sent to each person nominated by certified mail, with return receipt requested, that they will appear as a candidate on the primary ballot of their party, provided that the candidate:

a. Deposits with the Secretary of State the filing fee of \$1000.

and

b. Returns the completed notice of candidacy form to the Secretary of State.

NOTE: The filing fee and completed notice of candidacy must be received no later than the deadline filing date, **January 29, 2008 -- 4:00 p.m.**, local time, in the office of the Secretary of State, Room 148, State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Sue Helm, Kim Bagwell, or Angela Evans by calling 502/564-3490.

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January 8, 2008

Title FName MName LName
Address 1
Address2
Address3
Address4

**RE: Notification of Nomination KY Presidential Preference Primary
KRS 118.551-118.611**

Salutation L Name:

The Kentucky State Board of Elections has nominated you as a presidential candidate for the (Party) and your name will appear upon Kentucky's Presidential Preference Primary ballot on May 20, 2008 provided the following requirements are met:

1. Complete and return the attached Notice of Candidacy to the Kentucky Secretary of State
and
2. Deposit with the Kentucky Secretary of State a filing fee of \$1000.
Check should be payable to Kentucky State Treasurer.

The one thousand dollar (\$1000) filing fee and the completed Notice of Candidacy form must be received by the Kentucky Secretary of State no later than **January 29, 2008, 4:00 p.m.**

The required filing documents may be filed in person or mailed to the Office of the Secretary of State, Room 148 State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Sue Helm, Kim Bagwell, or Angela Evans by calling 502/564-3490.

Sincerely,


Trey Grayson
Secretary of State



NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

I hereby notify the Kentucky Secretary of State that I have received the notification of nomination for the Kentucky Presidential Preference Primary, and request my name to appear as a _____

(Party)

candidate upon my party's primary ballot on May 20, 2008.

Name as desired on ballot pursuant to KRS 118.129:

(Print or Type name of candidate in full as desired on ballot per KRS 118.129)

(Signature of Candidate)

(Date)

(Candidate's Residential Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

NOTE: Notice of candidacy and required filing fee of \$1000 must be received **no later than January 29, 2008 -- 4:00 p.m.**, local time. Return documents to:

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State
Room 148- State Capitol
700 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601-3493

(2) Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (1-4) ballot access is attained by:

The filing of a **Presidential Preference Primary Petition (form # SBE 65)** containing at least 5,000 signatures of registered voters of the same party and \$1000 filing fee with the Secretary of State not later than 4:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

The petition shall be signed by the candidate and by the Chairman of the group circulating the petition. The chairman's signature must be acknowledged by a notary public and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.

Petitioners shall be registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth, members of the same party as the candidate and shall include date petition was signed, date of birth, signature of petitioner and residence address.

A sample form of **Nominating petition SBE 65 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following pages.



NOMINATING PETITION

(Republican and Democratic Candidates Filing for President under the provisions of KRS 118.591)

TO: Secretary of State
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150
Capitol Building
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth and are affiliated, by registration, with the same political party as the candidate for whom petitions are filed, and being at least 5000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the Presidential Preference Primary election to be held on May _____, 20_____, the name of the following person as a candidate of the _____ Party for the office hereinafter designated, the name of said person and address being as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

I, _____ hereby
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)

declare that if elected I will qualify for the above office.

(Signature of Candidate)

I, _____, whose address is _____
(Name of Chairman – Please Type or Print) (Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Chairman of the group circulating this petition.

(Signature of Chairman)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Chairman)

this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
(Month)

(Signature of Notary/Officer)

(Title of Officer)

(Commission Expiration)



We, the undersigned petitioners, further state that at the time of signing this petition we are registered and qualified voters in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and are affiliated, by such registration, with the same political party as the above candidate. Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and residential address shall result in the signature not being counted.

DATE	BIRTH DATE	SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP

SAMPLE

(Additional pages may be used)



SBE 65-2 (08/06)

White copy: Filing officer
 Canary copy: State Board of Elections
 Pink copy: Candidate

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(3) Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (5) ballot access is attained by:

Filing with the Secretary of State a **Notice of Candidacy**, \$1000 filing fee and **certification** by the Federal Election Commission that the candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds. All documents shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate.

(4) Pursuant to KRS 118.591 (5) ballot access is attained by:

Filing with the Secretary of State a **Notice of Candidacy**, \$1000 filing fee and evidence from **twenty (20)** other states that the candidate is qualified to appear on their presidential preference ballot of his/her political party. Documents shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in January preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election. The Notice of Candidacy must have original signature of candidate. Sufficient documentation from the twenty (20) other states is deemed to be a signed certification by the Chief Election Official, or the appropriate governing election authority of the state.

A Sample form of the **Notice of Candidacy** sent by the Secretary of State to candidates attaining primary ballot access under the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) listed above may be viewed on the following pages



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SECRETARY OF STATE

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Document #3

Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primary Candidate Ballot Access Pursuant to KRS 118.591(5)

- 1: Completion of Notice of Candidacy. Must have original signature of candidate.
- 2: Certification by the Federal Election Commission that candidate has qualified for matching federal campaign funds
- 3: Filing deadline: **January 29, 2008 -- 4:00 p.m.**
- 4: Filing fee: \$1000 (Check made payable to Kentucky State Treasurer)

Required filing documents may be filed in person or by mail and must be received no later than the deadline filing date, **January 29, 2008 -- 4:00 p.m.**, local time, in the office of the Secretary of State, Room 148, State Capitol, 700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601-3493.

If we may provide additional information or further assist you, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Sue Helm, Kim Bagwell, or Angela Evans by calling 502/564-3490.

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NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

I hereby notify the Kentucky Secretary of State that I have received the notification of nomination for the Kentucky Presidential Preference Primary, and request my name to appear as a _____ candidate upon my party's primary ballot on May 20, 2008.
(Party)

Name as desired on ballot pursuant to KRS 118.129:

(Print or Type name of candidate in full as desired on ballot per KRS 118.129)

(Signature of Candidate)

(Date)

(Candidate's Residential Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

NOTE: Notice of candidacy and required filing fee of \$1000 must be received **no later than January 29, 2008 -- 4:00 p.m.**, local time. Return documents to:

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State
Room 148- State Capitol
700 Capitol Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601-3493

PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION FILINGS FOR REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were vote for.”

A **certificate of nomination** for electors of President and Vice President of the United States shall be filed with the Secretary of State not later than 4:00 pm on the **Friday following the first Tuesday in September** preceding the date fixed by law for the election of electors.

The **certificate of nomination** shall be in writing, shall contain the name of each person nominated, his residence and the office to which he is nominated, and shall designate a title for the party. The Certificate shall be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention, who shall add to their signatures their respective places of residence, and acknowledge the same before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths. In the case of electors of President and Vice President of the United States the certificate of nomination shall state the names of the candidates of the party for President and Vice President.

The names of candidates for President and Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION FILINGS FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES and CANDIDATES OF POLITICAL GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

Political Organization Definition: “Political group” means a political group not constituting a political party within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for presidential electors. KRS 118.025 (8).

Political Group Definition: “Political group means a political group not constituting a political party or a political organization, within the meaning of subsection (1) and (8) of this section. KRS 118.015 (9)

Independent candidates or candidates of a political group/organization seeking the offices of President/Vice President attain ballot access by filing with the Secretary of State a **Nominating Petition (SBE 64)**.

The nominating petition shall be signed by the candidate for President and the candidate for Vice President and by a minimum of **5,000** registered voters from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination. Petitioners shall be registered voters and shall include the date the petition was signed, date of birth and residence address. Signatures shall not be solicited prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

As provided on the nominating petition, petitioners will further place in nomination a list of presidential electors providing the name, residential address and signature of each presidential elector.

The nominating petition and \$500 filing fee shall be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday following the first Tuesday in September preceding the date fixed by law for election of electors. The names of candidates for President and Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

A sample form of the **Nominating Petition SBE 64 (Revised 04/05)** may be viewed on the following page.



NOMINATING PETITION

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations filing for President/Vice President under the provisions of KRS 118.315)

TO: Secretary of State
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150
Capitol Building
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination, and being at least 5000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the general election to be held on November _____, 20_____, the names of the following candidates of the political group/organization known as _____ (Day) or as an independent candidate for

the offices hereinafter designated, the names of said persons and their respective residences being as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate for President – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Name of Candidate for Vice President – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

We, _____ and _____
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)

_____ hereby declare that we
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)
possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the offices for which we have filed.

(Signature of Candidate for President)

(Signature of Candidate for Vice President)

Petitioners desire that the above candidates be designated on the ballot under the following attached figure or device:

Petitioners further place in nomination the following named persons as candidates for Presidential Electors for the above-named candidates for President and Vice President, whose names and residential addresses are as follows:

DATE	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP



White copy: Filing officer
Canary copy: State Board of Elections
Pink copy: Candidate

Petitioners shall include residential address, signature affixation date, and date of birth. Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and residential address shall result in the signature not being counted.

DATE	BIRTH DATE	SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP

SAMPLE

(Additional pages may be used.)



WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT/VICE – PRESIDENT

Filing Form #SBE/SOS/02 – Presidential/Vice Presidential Candidates' Intent to be a Write-in Candidate

Candidates may seek the Office of President/Vice President as write-in candidates by filing with the Secretary of State a **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate**.

A person shall be ineligible as a write-in candidate for more than one (1) office in a general election. Write-in votes shall be counted **ONLY** for candidates for election to office who have filed with the Secretary of State a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

The declaration of intent must be filed **not** less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the general election. The filing fee for filing as write-in candidates for President and Vice President is \$50.00. As provided on declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate filing form, the names of the pledged presidential electors must be listed. The names of candidates for President and Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

A sample of the **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate SBE/SOS/02 (Revised 08/07)** may be viewed on the following pages.



PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To: SECRETARY OF STATE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

We, _____ and _____
(Name of Candidate for President – Please Type or Print) (Name of Candidate for Vice President – Please Type or Print)

intend to be write-in candidates in the November _____ 20 _____ general election for the Office of
(Day) (Year)

President and Vice President of the United States. We do further state that if elected we qualify for the offices sought.

(Signature of Candidate for President) Residential Address City Zip

(Signature of Candidate for Vice President) Residential Address City Zip

Eight (8) pledged presidential electors must be listed below: (Please type or print the name of each elector)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____

The voter **must write-in your surname on the ballot**, but may additionally write-in any of the name variations you have provided below to assist the county board of elections in determining voter intent when counting write-in votes on Election Day. These variations may include any name, in addition to your surname, that voters commonly use to identify you, which may be a nickname, initials or an abbreviated form of your name. 31 KAR 6:030, Section 6 (10) & (12) (Listed Below).

Example: James Richard Doe, J.R. Doe, Jim Doe, Rich Doe, Richie- Rich Doe, Dickey Doe

KRS 117.265 (4): Persons who wish to run for President and Vice-President shall file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, along with a list of presidential electors pledged to those candidates, with the Secretary of State not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular election for those offices. Write-in votes cast for the candidates whose names appear on the ballot shall apply to the slate of pledged presidential electors, whose names shall not appear on the ballot.

31 KAR 6:030, Section 1. Definitions

- (5) "First name" means an individual's name or names given at birth, as distinguished from a family name or surname.
- (6) "Name" means one or more first names coupled with one or more surnames.
- (7) "Nickname" means a shortened version of an individual's name or a descriptive or alternative name, in addition to or instead of the first name or surname of an individual.
- (10) "Surname" means the family name bestowed at birth, acquired by marriage, or legally adopted by choice.

31 KAR 6:030, Section 6. Definition of a Vote for Write-in Voting Generally.

- (1) Only votes cast for eligible write-in candidates under KRS 117.265 shall be considered valid and counted.
- (2) A write-in vote for a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot label as a candidate shall not be counted as a vote under KRS 117.265.
- (3) The use of stickers, labels, rubber stamps, or other similar devices shall not be counted as write-in votes.
- (4) Any minor misspelling of the name of a candidate shall be disregarded in determining the validity of a write-in vote as long as the intended candidate can be clearly determined.
- (5) Writing in only the surname of an eligible candidate shall constitute a valid vote, unless there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office. If there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office, writing in only the surname shall not constitute a vote.
- (6) Writing in only the first name of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
- (7) Writing in only the initials of a candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
- (8) Writing in only the nickname of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
- (9) If the voter writes in any other name along with the surname of an eligible write-in candidate, the other name written by the voter shall comply with the variations of names listed by the candidate on SBE/SOS/01, 02, or 03, to constitute a valid vote.
- (10) Writing in the surname of the candidate for Governor or the surname of the candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall be sufficient to cast a write-in vote for the slate.
- (11) Writing in the surname of the candidate for President or the surname of the candidate for Vice President shall be sufficient to cast a write-in vote for the slate.



CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL

Pursuant to KRS 118.212 (1-5) candidates may withdraw at anytime by filing a written, signed and properly notarized statement that the nomination or election would not be accepted. The statement of withdrawal must be filed with the same filing official, Secretary of State or County Clerk, that received the candidate filing documents.

The notice of withdrawal **must** be filed prior to the time of the certification of candidates for the name **not** to appear on the ballot. If the withdrawal notice is filed after the deadline of the certification of candidates, the candidate's name will appear on the ballot but a notice will be conspicuously displayed in each polling place advising the voters of the withdrawal and any votes cast for the withdrawn candidate will **not** be tabulated or recorded.

Certification of candidates for primary election is not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the primary.

Example for the 2008 Primary:
February 11, 2008

Certification of candidates for a general election in non Presidential election years is not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the general election. In Presidential election years, the candidate certification deadline is not later than the Monday after the Friday following the first Tuesday in September.

Example for the 2008 General:
September 8, 2008

There is **no** fee for filing a statement of withdrawal and there is no authority for the return of the candidate filing fee. A sample withdrawal statement may be viewed on the following page.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL

To: _____
Filing Officer

I, _____ who resides at
(Name of Candidate)

(Candidate's Residential Address City Zip County)

filed as a _____ candidate for the office of
(Party)

(Office) (Division or District No., if applicable)

I hereby state that I will not accept the nomination or election and request the
_____ to withdraw my name as a candidate for
(County Clerk or Secretary of State)
the office listed above.

Dated this day of _____
(Month Day Year)

(Signature of Candidate)

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Name of Candidate)

on this date of _____
(Month Day Year)

(Notary Public)

(Commission Expiration Date)

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White Copy: Filing Officer
Canary Copy: State Board of Elections
Pink Copy: Kentucky Registry of Election Finance
Goldenrod Copy: Candidate

NOMINATIONS BY POLITICAL PARTIES

Party Definition: A “political party” is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation, and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for.” KRS 118.015 (1).

Vacancy in Candidacy governed by KRS 118.105:

- (3) If a vacancy occurs in the nomination of an unopposed candidate or in a nomination made by the primary before the certification of candidates for the regular election made under KRS 118.215, because of death, disqualification to hold office sought, or severe disabling condition which arose after the nomination, the governing authority of the party may provide for filling the vacancy, but only following certification to the governing authority, by the Secretary of State, that a vacancy exists for a reason specified in this subsection. When such a nomination has been made, the certificate of nomination, shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the governing authority of the party making it, and shall be filed in the same manner as certificates of nomination at a primary election.
- (4) If a vacancy occurs in the nomination of an unopposed candidate or in a nomination made by the primary before the certification of candidates for the regular election, and if that party’s nominee was the only candidate for the office sought, the governing authority of each party may nominate a candidate for the regular election, provided that no person has sought that party’s nomination by filing a notification and declaration.

VACANCY IN OFFICE/NOMINATIONS FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS

Governed by KRS 118.115

Except as provided in subsection (2)(b) or KRS 83A.045 governing vacancy in candidacy, candidates for unexpired terms to be filled at a regular election shall be nominated at the primary next preceding the regular election, if the vacancy occurred not less than one hundred thirty-four (134) days before the primary. If the vacancy occurred less than one hundred thirty-four (134) days before the primary, the nomination shall be made in a manner determined by **the governing authority of the political party** concerned. In the preparation of ballots, candidates for full terms shall be grouped together, and candidates for unexpired terms shall be grouped together, under appropriate headings, so that the voter may easily distinguish the candidates for full terms from the candidates for unexpired terms.

A vacancy in office for Governor, Congressional representative and member of the General Assembly are filled by calling of a **special election**. KRS 118.710 thru KRS 118.775 governs the procedures and deadline for the party nominations and petitions when there has been a call for a special election to fill a vacancy for one of the above offices.

A sample **certificate of nomination** used by the governing authority of a party to nominate a candidate when a vacancy in candidacy exist or to nominate a candidate for an unexpired term when the vacancy occurs with less than one hundred thirty-four (134) days before the primary may be viewed on the following page. Also, a copy of 30 KAR 2:010 relating to vacancy in candidacy may be viewed on the following page.

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

To: _____
Filing Officer

We, the undersigned, certify that we are the Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the _____ Party for the county/counties of _____.

The undersigned further certify that said Executive Committee met on _____ for the purpose of nominating a candidate of the _____ Party in the election on _____ for the _____.
(Month Day Year) (Month Day Year)
(Office) (Division or District No., if applicable)

We certify that a quorum was present at said meeting and that by majority vote of the members of said committee _____ who possesses the qualifications for said office, was duly nominated as the _____ Party's candidate for _____ in the election on _____, and request that you place the name on the ballot as follows: _____
(Name of Candidate) (Office)
(Month Day Year)
(Print or Type name of candidate in full as desired on ballot per KRS 118.129)

(Candidate's Residential Address City Zip)

_____ (Signature of Chairman)	_____ (Residential Address City & Zip)
_____ (Signature of Secretary)	_____ (Residential Address City & Zip)

Subscribed and sworn to before me _____
(Month Day Year)

by: _____ and _____
(Name of Chairman) (Name of Secretary)

(Notary Public) (Commission Expiration Date)

SBE/SOS/04 (08/06)



White Copy: Filing Officer
Canary Copy: State Board of Elections
Pink Copy: Candidate

30 KAR 2:010. Certification of vacancy in nominations.

RELATES TO: KRS 118.105

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 118.105

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: Senate Bill 223, enacted during the 1990 Regular Session of the General Assembly, amended KRS 118.105(1), (3) and (4), governing certification by the Secretary of State that a vacancy exists in a nomination governed by KRS 118.105. This administrative regulation is required to establish the procedure for the determination and certification of a vacancy under the provisions of KRS 118.105.

Section 1. Notification of Vacancy. (1) The Secretary of State shall be notified of the vacancy in a nomination governed by KRS 118.105.

(2) The notification shall:

- (a) Be written;
- (b) Be dated;
- (c) State the reason for the vacancy;
- (d) Contain documentation to substantiate the reason for the vacancy;
- (e) Be signed by the person making the notification; and
- (f) Be notarized.

(3) The notification may be made by:

- (a) The candidate;
- (b) The governing authority of a party;
- (c) A registered voter; or
- (d) An opposing candidate.

(4) The notification shall be delivered to the Secretary of State by:

- (a) Certified mail; or
- (b) The person making the notification.

Section 2. Documentation to Substantiate Reason for Vacancy. (1) Documentation to substantiate the reason for a vacancy shall be filed with the notification by the candidate or governing authority of the party as provided by this section. For:

- (a) Death of a candidate: a certificate of death or other evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of State;
- (b) Disqualification to hold the office sought: evidence of legal disqualification; and
- (c) Severe disabling condition: medical evidence of the condition.

(2) Medical evidence of a severe disabling condition shall consist of medical evidence provided by:

(a) A licensed and practicing:

- 1. Physician;
- 2. Osteopath;
- 3. Psychologist;
- 4. Psychiatrist; or

(b) Other medical professional qualified to make a determination that the candidate is suffering from a severe disabling condition.

(3) The documentation filed to substantiate the reason for vacancy may be challenged, in writing, by:

- (a) The governing authority of an opposing party;
- (b) An opposing candidate; or
- (c) A registered voter.

(4)(a) The Secretary of State shall review all documentation relating to the reason for a vacancy.

(b) If he determines that additional documentation is required, he shall request a review:

- 1. Of the medical evidence of a severe disabling condition filed with the notification;
- 2. By a medical professional specified in subsection (2) of this section.

Section 3. The Secretary of State shall not certify that a vacancy exists if he determines that the documentation filed to substantiate the reason for the vacancy does not establish that a vacancy exists because of:

- (1) Death;
- (2) Disqualification to hold the office sought; or
- (3) A severe disabling condition which arose after the nomination. (17 Ky.R. 155; eff. 9-13-90.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. If I am seeking office as Republican or Democratic candidate must I be registered as a member of that specific party and which filing form do I use?**

Yes. Candidates must be eligible to vote in their party's primary to be eligible to have their name printed on the ballot as a candidate of that party. For partisan offices other than President and Governor/Lt. Governor, the filing form is a Notification and Declaration (SBE 66) on page 24.

- 2. If I am seeking office as an Independent or political group candidate must I be registered Independent or registered as a member of a political group?**

Yes. A candidate's registration status on January 1 preceding the general election for which the person seeks to be a candidate can not be Republican or Democrat. For partisan offices other than President and Governor/Lt. Governor, the filing forms are a Statement of Candidacy (SBE 59A) & Nominating Petition (SBE 59 & 59-2) on page 28 and 29-30.

- 3. What is the deadline date to change party affiliation to be a candidate of a specific party or an independent or political group candidate?**

December 31st is the last date for an individual to change party affiliation with the county clerk to be eligible as a candidate in the subsequent primary of that specific party or to be eligible as an independent or political group candidate in a general election.

- 4. If I am a registered Republican or Democrat and do not file for office as a Party (Rep. or Dem.) candidate may I seek office as an Independent candidate in the general election.**

No. To be eligible as an Independent candidate in a general election the candidate must have changed their party affiliation by the deadline of December 31st preceding the general election for which the person seeks to be a candidate.

5. What is the candidate filing deadline?

For Republican and Democratic candidates:

The last Tuesday in January (4:00 p.m.) preceding the day fixed by law for holding the primary election.

Example for 2008: January 29, 2008

For most Independent and political group/organization candidates:

The filing deadlines are April 1 (4:00 p.m.) for statement of candidacy and the second Tuesday in August (4:00 p.m.) preceding the general election for which the person seeks to be a candidate for filing the required petition. For President and Vice President in the general election the filing deadline is not later than the Friday following the first Tuesday in September preceding the date fixed for the election of electors.

Example for 2008:

Statement of Candidacy filing deadline: April 1, 2008

(Candidates for federal office and partisan city offices in cities of the second to sixth class are exempt from filing a statement of candidacy.)

Example for 2008:

Nominating petition filing deadline for candidates excluding President and Vice President: August 12, 2008

Example for 2008:

President & Vice President nominating petition and certificate of nomination for electors of President and Vice President:

September 5, 2008

6. Who do I file my papers with to be a candidate?

- a. The Secretary of State if the office sought is voted for by the electors of more than one (1) county.
 - (ex: Commonwealth's Attorney, Members of Congress,
 - Members of the General Assembly; and all Judges
 - of the Court).
- b. The County Clerk if the office sought is voted for by electors of the county (excluding Judges of the Court) or a district less than a county.
 - (ex: candidates voted for by a city whose boundaries extend beyond a single county file with the county clerk in county in which candidate resides).

7. How much is the candidate filing fee?

For statewide elected office or congress	\$500
For Commonwealth's Attorney	\$200
Judge of the Court	\$200
For General Assembly	\$200
For office in city of 5 th & 6 th class	\$ 20
For all other partisan offices (excluding President/Vice President & Gov/Lt. Gov)	\$ 50

8. What form of payment is acceptable for the filing fee?

The Secretary of State accepts personal checks, campaign account checks, cash or money order. Candidates who file with the County Clerk should contact the county clerk in their county of residence for acceptable forms of filing fee payment.

9. What is the earliest date that I may file as a candidate (excluding Presidential primary) for an office?

No earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year the office will appear on the ballot.

10. How many signatures must I have to file as a candidate?

If filing as a Republican or Democrat: * Two (2)
*The two (2) individuals must be registered voters of the same political party as the candidate and reside in the district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination.

If filing as Independent or political group/organization candidate, the required number varies by office:

State officer or any officer for whom all the electors of the state are entitled to vote:	5000
Representative in Congress	400
County office, member of General Assembly, or Commonwealth's Atty.	100
Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor	25
City Officer	2
Board of Education	2
Magistrate/Justice of Peace/Constable	20

11. Which filing form do I use to file for the nonpartisan office of school board, soil and water conservation district supervisor or a nonpartisan city office?

The filing form is a nominating petition (SBE 60A and 60A-2) on page 35. In addition to filing the nominating petition, school board candidates are required to file an affidavit for candidacy and membership on page 37.

12. Must a candidate be registered with a specific party affiliation to file for a Court of Justice office and which filing form do I use?

No. The candidate must be a registered voter but all judicial offices are nonpartisan and no party designation or emblem of any kind nor any sign indicating any candidate's political belief or party affiliation shall be used on voting machines or special ballots. The filing form is a Court of Justice Nominating Petition (SBE 68) on page 39.

13. What is the deadline for withdrawing as a candidate?

Candidates may withdraw at anytime; **however**, if a candidate does not want their name to appear on the ballot, they must officially withdraw prior to the certification of candidates. Certification for a primary election is not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the primary and not later than the second Monday after the filing deadline for the general election except in a Presidential election year. The certification date in a Presidential election year is not later than the Friday following the first Tuesday in September preceding the date fixed by law for the election of electors.

Example for 2008 Primary: February 11, 2008

Example for 2008 General: September 8, 2008

14. Where do I file the withdrawal notice?

Candidates must file the notice of withdrawal with the same filing official, Secretary of State or County Clerk, that received the candidate's filing documents.

15. Will my filing fee be returned if I withdraw?

No. There is no statutory authority for returning a filing fee.

16. What are the most common errors made by candidates seeking ballot access?

- a. Title of Office and District Number if applicable omitted or improperly stated.
- b. Name in full as desired on ballot not conforming to statute requirements of KRS 118.129.
- c. Failure to sign and/or improper notarization of candidate's signature.
- d. Failure of candidate to verify voter registration and party affiliation of the two persons signing the filing documents. For partisan offices, must be registered voters and members of same party as the candidate and reside in the district or jurisdiction of which the candidate is seeking office. For nonpartisan offices, signers must be registered voters and reside in the district or jurisdiction of which the candidate is seeking office.
- e. Failure to sign and/or improper notarization of the two signers signatures.
- f. Failure to submit the required filing fee.
- g. Failure to submit the filing by the deadline date and time.

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Secretary of State 2006/2007 Slogan Contest

First

Lindsay Evin Likens, Grade 11
Ohio County High School

Vote Kentucky: Protect the Health of our Commonwealth

Second

James McKinley Brunty, Grade 10
Pike County Central High School

Seize the moment, I'm voting for your opponent

Third

Joseph Henry McKinley, Grade 12
Owensboro High School

Vote. Change. Succeed.

