

2012 Kentucky Election Calendar

[2013 No Scheduled Elections]

Date	Event	Authority
All dates are subject to change in accordance with any legislative amendments made during the 2011 & 2012 General Assembly sessions.		
1/10	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
1/31	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
1/31 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
2/1	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
2/2 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 118.601(2)
2/13	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (second Monday after filing deadline).	KRS 118.215(1) KRS 118A.060(5)
2/13	Last day for Secretary of State to certify to county clerks names of candidates for presidential preference primary (Not later than the date set forth in KRS 118.215(1)(a)).	KRS 118.601(3)
2/28	Last day for county clerks to notify state board of elections if there are too many certified candidates to be accommodated on the voting machines (last Tuesday in February).	KRS 118.215(5)
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)
4/1 4 p.m.	Last day for independent candidates, excludes candidates for federal office and candidates for mayor or legislative body in cities of the second to sixth class participating in partisan elections, to file a statement-of-candidacy form with the same office at which nomination papers are filed (not later than April 1 preceding the day fixed by law for holding of general elections for the offices sought. If filing office is closed on April 1, form may be filed on next business day).	KRS 118.367(1)
4/2	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots for primary	KRS 117.085(5)

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	(50 days before primary).	KRS 117.145(1)
4/5	Last day for county clerk to mail absentee ballots to voters who request absentee ballots prior to the printing of the ballots (within 3 days of the receipt of the printed ballots. Absentee ballots which are requested subsequent to the receipt of the ballots by the county clerk shall be mailed to the voter within 3 days of the receipt of the application).	KRS 117.085(4) 42 USC 1973ff-1(a)(8)(A)
4/20	Last day for candidates to submit lists of proposed challengers to political party committee of county (not later than the third Friday in April).	KRS 117.315(1)
4/22 to 5/17	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day).	KRS 117.389
4/23	Last day to register to vote for the primary.	KRS 116.045(2)
4/24 through 5/29	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following primary). [Monday May 28, 2012, is Memorial Day]. [This time period may vary depending on whether the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday. If the last day to register to vote falls on a state or federal holiday, the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or federal holiday. KRS 446.030(1)(b)]	KRS 116.045(2)
4/30	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (not later than 4 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
4/30	Last day for county board of elections to publish notice of time when the absentee voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
5/1	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than 3 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
5/2	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (at least 20 days before primary).	KRS 117.315(1), (2) & (5)
5/4 to 5/21	Voter may make application to vote absentee in clerk's office <u>at least 12 working days</u> before primary. [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)
5/9 to 5/22	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of an election).	KRS 117.077

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5/14	Last day for county boards of election to send written notice of appointment to precinct officers (not less than 10 days before primary). [See KRS 446.030(1)(b)]	KRS 117.045(7)
5/15	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before primary). Applications must be received by this day.	KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085
5/15	Last day for any voter who has received an absentee ballot by mail but who knows at least 7 days before election day that he or she will be in the county on election day and who has not voted the absentee ballot to cancel his or her absentee ballot and vote in person. The voter shall return the absentee ballot to the county clerk's office no later than 7 days before the election.	KRS 117.085(7)
5/15 to 5/21	Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day, who learn of that confinement within seven (7) days or less of an election, may make application to vote absentee in the clerk's office.	KRS 117.085(1)(e)(5)
5/15	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)
5/17	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)
5/17	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before primary).	KRS 424.290(1)
5/17	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)
5/18	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (Not later than the Friday before primary).	KRS 117.165(1)
5/22	Primary Election Day (first Tuesday after third Monday in May). Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing time. County boards of elections to be in session all day. Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m., prevailing time. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots. 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
5/23 to 6/1	Voting machines and ballot boxes to be locked (10 days following primary).	KRS 117.295(1)
5/25 12 p.m.	The County Board of Elections shall certify the total number of votes to the Secretary of State's Office (not later than 12 p.m., prevailing time, on the Friday following the election).	KRS 118.425(4)
5/25	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after primary).	KRS 117.355(1)
5/29	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after	KRS 117.305(1)

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4 p.m.	primary).	
5/31 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)
6/1	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)
6/1	Last day to file petition to contest election (within 10 days after primary).	KRS 120.055
6/1	Last day to file petition for recount (within 10 days after primary).	KRS 120.095(1)
6/11	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (not later than the third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5)
6/21	Last day for county clerks to send precinct rosters and recapitulation sheets to State Board of Elections (within 30 days after any primary or general election).	KRS 117.275(7) KRS 117.355(3)
8/14 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
8/15	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
8/16 2 p.m.	Public drawing for ballot position at 2 p.m. in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (Thursday following second Tuesday in August).	KRS 118.225(2) & (3); KRS 118A.090 (1)
8/28	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)
9/7	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 presidential electors).	KRS 118.365(6)
9/10	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names 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)
9/10	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 date set forth in KRS 118.215(1)(c)).	KRS 118A.090(2)
9/17	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots (at least	KRS 117.085(5)

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	50 days before election).	KRS 117.145(1)
9/20	Last day for county clerk to mail absentee ballots to voters who request absentee ballots prior to the printing of the ballots (within 3 days of the receipt of the printed ballots. Absentee ballots which are requested subsequent to the receipt of the ballots by the county clerk shall be mailed to the voter within 3 days of the receipt of the application).	KRS 117.085(4) 42 USC 1973ff-1(a)(8)(A)
9/20	Last day for county boards of elections to establish voting places (September 20 of each year).	KRS 117.065(1)
10/1 to 11/1	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day).	KRS 117.389
10/9	Last day to register to vote for the General Election.	KRS 116.045(2)
10/10 through 11/13	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday proceeding through first Monday following election). [Monday, October 8, 2012, is Columbus Day and Monday, November 12, 2012, is Veteran's Day]. [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 045(2)]	KRS 116.045(2)
10/15	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (not later than 4 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
10/15	Last day for county board of elections to publish notice of time when the absentee voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
10/16	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than 3 business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct absentee voting). [This time period may vary depending on whether the county clerk intends to conduct absentee voting on Saturdays and whether the clerk intends to conduct absentee voting in the office for more than 12 working days before an election.]	KRS 117.165(2)
10/17	Last day for list of challengers to be submitted to county clerk (at least 20 days before election).	KRS 117.315(2), (3) & (5)
10/19 to 11/5	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)
10/24 to 11/5	Voter and their spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency within 14 days of election.	KRS 117.077
10/26	Last day to file a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate (on or before the fourth Friday in October). [See KRS	KRS 117.265(2)

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4 p.m.	446.030(1)(b)]	
10/29	Last day for county boards of election to send written notice of appointment to precinct officers appointed since the primary (not less than 10 days before General).	KRS 117.045(7)
10/30	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before election). Applications must be received by this day.	KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085
10/30	Last day for any voter who has received an absentee ballot by mail but who knows at least 7 days before election day that he or she will be in the county on election day and who has not voted the absentee ballot to cancel his or her absentee ballot and vote in person. The voter shall return the absentee ballot to the county clerk's office no later than 7 days before the election.	KRS 117.085(7)
10/30 to 11/5	Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day, who learn of that confinement within seven (7) days or less of an election, may make application to vote absentee in the clerk's office.	KRS 117.085(1)(e)(5)
10/30	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)
11/1	Last day for clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (Thursday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
11/1	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before election).	KRS 424.290(1)
11/1	Last day for county board of elections to publish notice of time when the machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(1)
11/2	Last day for clerk to equip machines with supplies for write-in votes (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.145(3)
11/2	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
11/6	General Election Day (first Tuesday after first Monday in November). Polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., prevailing time. County boards of elections to be in session all day. Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m., prevailing time. County boards of elections to meet at clerk's office at 10 a.m. to count absentee ballots. 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
11/7 through 12/6	Voting machines and ballot boxes to be locked 30 days following election.	KRS 117.295(1)
11/9	The County Board of Elections shall certify the total number of votes to the Secretary of State's Office not later than 12 p.m.,	KRS 118.425(4)

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Date	Event	Authority
12 p.m.	prevailing time, on the Friday following the election.	KRS 118A.190(2)
11/9	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after election).	KRS 117.355(1)
11/13 4 p.m.	Deadline to request recanvass before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after election.	KRS 117.305(1)
11/15 9 a.m.	County Boards of Elections shall conduct any requested recanvass at 9 a.m. on Thursday after deadline to request recanvass, and not sooner.	KRS 117.305(1)
11/16	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports to the State Board of Elections and county Grand Jury (within 10 days after election).	KRS 117.355(2)
11/16	Last day for candidate to file petition for recount (within 10 days after election).	KRS 120.185(1)
11/19	County Board of Elections shall issue certificates of election (not later than the second Monday after the election).	KRS 118.425(2)
11/26	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (not later than the third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5) KRS 118A.190(3)
12/6	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
12/6	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)
12/17 11:45 p.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). [This date may vary depending on whether it falls on a Sunday or legal holiday: If any proceeding is directed by law to take place, or any act is directed to be done, on a particular day of a month and that day is Sunday, the proceeding shall take place, or the act shall be done, on the next day that is not a legal holiday. KRS 446.030(2)]	KRS 116.055
	THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED ELECTIONS IN 2013	