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VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

May Primary Election and November General Election

Polls are open 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM



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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
State Board of Elections**

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Q: WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

A: To register you must:

- be a U.S. Citizen and a Kentucky resident for at least 28 days.
- be at least 18 years old by the date of the next general election. If you will be 18 by the November general election, then you can vote in the prior May primary election
- not be a convicted felon or, if you have been convicted of a felony, your civil rights have been restored
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky

Q: WHERE DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

A: You must have completed a voter registration card and be registered at least 28 days prior to an election through the following sources:

- County Clerk's office
- Driver's License office, if you are applying for or renewing your driver's license
- K-TAP, Food Stamp, Medicaid, WIC and state funded offices serving those with disabilities, if you are a client of these Public Assistance offices
- Armed Forces Recruitment offices, if you are a prospective member of the armed forces
- High School students may register at school
- Kentucky mail-in voter registration form
- Federal mail-in voter registration form

Q: MUST I CHOOSE A POLITICAL PARTY WHEN I REGISTER?

A: Kentucky allows registration for three political distinctions:

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party
- Other

Kentucky has closed party primary elections, which means you must register as a Democrat or Republican to vote in that party's May primary election. If you register as Other, you cannot vote in the Democrat or Republican party primaries but may vote in judicial, school board and some city council primaries. All eligible voters may vote in the November general election.

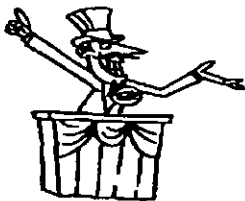
Q: HOW DO I KNOW WHERE TO VOTE?

A: You will receive a notice in the mail, which lists your precinct name and your voting location address. The polls are open from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, local time. If you have any questions concerning where to vote call your County Clerk.

UPDATES TO YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

Q: MAY I CHANGE MY POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION?

A: You may change your political party affiliation at any time on or before December 31 to remain eligible to vote in the following primary election. You simply need to fill out a new voter registration card and send it to your county clerk by the December 31 deadline.



Q: WHAT IF I MOVE?

A: The two situations which may occur are:

- You move within the county. You need to notify the county clerk of your new address or update your driver's license. The county clerk will be able to tell you the location of your new voting precinct. If you do not do this before election day, you need to go to the voting precinct of your new address to vote and to update your voter registration address.
- You move outside the county more than 28 days before election day. You need to update your voter registration with the new county clerk or renew your driver's license in the new county at least 28 days before the election to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election. If you do not notify the county clerk in either your old or new county of residence 28 days prior to an election, then you are not eligible to vote in either county. If you moved outside the county during the 28 days before the election, you may vote in your old county for this election but must fill out a new voter registration card indicating the new address at this time.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Q: WHAT IF I CAN'T GET TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY?

A: Apply for an absentee ballot at the County Clerk's office.

- If you meet any of these qualifications, you may request an absentee ballot be mailed to you:
 1. Due to advanced age, disability, illness or medical emergency
 2. You are a member of the Armed Forces or the dependent of a member of the Armed Forces
 3. You temporarily reside overseas but are still eligible to vote in Kentucky
 4. You are a student attending school outside the county of your voter registration
 5. You temporarily reside outside the state but are still eligible to vote in Kentucky

6. You are incarcerated in jail and have been charged but not convicted of a crime
7. You work outside the county and are unable to either vote early in the county clerk's office or in your polling place on election day

The deadline for applying for a mail absentee ballot is seven days before an election. However, you may apply for a medical emergency absentee ballot up to the day of the election. You may request the absentee ballot application in person, by mail, by phone, or by fax.

- If you are going to be out of the county on election day and you do not qualify for an mail absentee ballot, you may vote an absentee ballot on a voting machine in the County Clerk's office 12 or more days before the election,

VOTING PROCEDURES

Q: HOW DO I OPERATE THE VOTING MACHINE?

A: You may request instructions on how to use the voting machine from the precinct election officials assigned to your precinct on election day. You may also request a sample ballot to review while waiting to vote

Q: WHAT IF I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AT THE POLLS?

A: People who require voting assistance due to physical disability, blindness or an inability to read English may request voting assistance at the polls on election day. Physical disability and blindness are the only two reasons a voter may apply to a County Board of Elections for permanent voting assistance. A person may receive assistance from someone of their choice or the two precinct judges at the polls. A person may not be assisted by their employer, his or her agent, a union officer or agent of that voter's union.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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