

MOST IMPORTANT!!!

- ✓ It is imperative that all voter registration cards be turned in to the appropriate county clerk at least twenty-nine (29) days before any election in order for the cards to be considered properly received and processed.
- ✓ Applicants are not registered to vote until the voter registration cards are processed at the county clerk's office.
- ✓ Voters whose registration cards are submitted after this time will NOT be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, but will be processed after the election.

See §KRS.116.045



How do I get voter registration cards for my registration drive?

- ✓ Request cards from your county clerk.
- ✓ For a substantial number of cards contact the State Board of Elections.
- ✓ You may also direct voters to our website (www.elect.ky.gov) to print out the mail-in voter registration card.



Is the person eligible to register to vote in Kentucky?

- ✓ To be eligible to register to vote, a person must:
 - be a **U.S. citizen and a resident of Kentucky** not less than 28 days before the election;

- be at least 18 years old by the date of the next general election;
- not be convicted of a felony (or, if so, have civil rights restored);
- not have been judged mentally incompetent in a court of law and have voting rights removed;
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky.

See *Kentucky Constitution § 145*

- ✓ Minors 17 years of age who will become 18 by the November general election are eligible to vote in the prior May Primary, but not in any special elections that may occur before he or she turns 18.

See §KRS 116.055.



How will a person know if he or she is registered to vote?

- ✓ The person will receive an **acknowledgement card** in the mail from the county clerk with the voter's precinct name and voting location address, usually within three weeks after the clerk receives the voter registration cards or he or she may check the Voter Information Center at www.elect.ky.gov.



Is the voter registration card complete?

- ✓ A **complete residential address** (MAY NOT be a P.O. Box) must be provided on the voter registration card. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the processing of the

application because the county clerk may not be able to assign a precinct.

- ✓ A **mailing address** must be provided ONLY if it is different from the residential address. The mailing address is used to send the voter acknowledgement that his or her voter registration has been processed, or when the county clerk's office needs more information in order to process the registration application.
- ✓ The voter must mark a choice in the **party registration** field. *If no party registration is selected*, the voter is eligible to vote for **only** nonpartisan offices in any primary.
- ✓ A **date of birth** is required to verify that the voter meets the minimum age requirement for voting.
- ✓ **Two witnesses** are required for a voter signature **ONLY** if the voter uses a "mark" to sign his or her name.

See §KRS 116.155



Is the voter already registered but wants to change his/her political party registration?

- ✓ For a voter **already registered**, but *changing party registration*, the voter may change his or her political party registration at any time on or before December 31st to remain eligible to vote in the following Primary by completing a new voter registration card.

See §KRS 116.055.



Has the voter changed his/her name or residential address?

- ✓ It is very important that the county clerk have the most up-to-date information as possible. A voter with a name or address change should complete a new voter registration card with the updated information and current signature.



Where are the completed voter registration cards sent?

- ✓ The voter registration card should be routed to the clerk in the county listed on the voter registration card ["County (where you live)"], NOT to the State Board of Elections. A current listing of all county clerks is available on our website (www.elect.ky.gov) or from the State Board of Elections.



How will the voter know where to vote?

- ✓ The voter will receive an acknowledgement card in the mail from the county clerk with the voter's precinct name and voting location address. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., local time. All those in line by 6 p.m. will be able to vote. If you have any questions concerning where to vote, call your county clerk

or visit the Voter Information Center (VIC) (www.elect.ky.gov). VIC includes the address of the voter's precinct, a map with driving directions, and party affiliation.

PENALTIES:

KRS §119.025: No person may be registered to vote in more than one precinct or in a precinct where he is not a legal voter or gives false information when registering to vote or causes himself to be registered when he is not legally entitled to register to vote.

Class D Felony.

KRS §119.035: No person may fraudulently or unlawfully alter any registration record.

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KRS §119.045: No person may forcibly prevent another person from registering or interfere with the duties of a registration officer.

Class A misdemeanor.

KRS §119.207: No person may compensate another person for registering voters based upon the total number of voters a person registers or the total number of voters a person registers for a particular party.

Class B misdemeanor.



✓ Checklist for Voter Registration Drives ✓

2012 ELECTION DATES

PRIMARY

MAY 22, 2012

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

PRIMARY

APRIL 23, 2012

GENERAL ELECTION

OCTOBER 9, 2012

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