

2020 KENTUCKY ELECTION CALENDAR

[2021 No Scheduled Elections]

DATE	EVENT	AUTHORITY
*Within 60 days of a city boundary enlargement or reduction	On or before 1/1/2011 each city clerk was to provide to the county clerk in which the city is located a list of all properties within the city and a map of the city boundaries to be used by the county clerk to maintain a roster of voters eligible to vote in city elections. *Documentation of subsequent change to the boundaries of a city shall be reported to the county clerk in accordance with KRS 81A.470 and 81A.475.	KRS 116.200(1)
*Within 60 days of change or immediately if the change is within 60 days of the 8/1 deadline	On or before 1/1/2011 each school board district was to provide to the county clerk maps and written descriptions of the boundaries of each school board district located in the county for the county clerk to maintain a roster of voters who are eligible to vote in school board elections. *Documentation of subsequent change to a school district's boundaries shall be reported to the county clerk within 60 days of the change or immediately if the change is within 60 days of the August 1 deadline in KRS 160.210(4)(d).	KRS 116.200(2)
JANUARY		
Tuesday 1/14	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
Tuesday 1/28 4:00 PM	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 5,000 persons of the same political party or a notice of candidacy with supporting documentation (last Tuesday in January).	KRS 118.591
Tuesday 1/28 4:00 PM	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)
Wednesday 1/29	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
Thursday 1/30 2:00 PM	Public drawing for ballot position in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (Thursday following last Tuesday in January).	KRS 118.225(2), (3) KRS 118A.060(4)
FEBRUARY		
Monday 2/10	Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to county clerks (second Monday after filing deadline).	KRS 118.215(1)(a) KRS 118A.060(5)
Monday 2/10	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)

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Tuesday 2/25	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)
MARCH		
Monday 3/16	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). [March 15, 2020, is a Sunday.]	KRS 117.045(2)
Friday 3/20	Last day for county boards of elections to appoint precinct officers (March 20 each year).	KRS 117.045(1)
Monday 3/30	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots for primary (50 days before primary).	KRS 117.085(5) KRS 117.145(1) KRS 117A.150
APRIL		
Wednesday 4/1 4:00 PM	Last day for independent, political organization and political group candidates, except candidates for federal office and candidates for mayor or legislative body in cities of the home rule 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). No person shall file a statement of candidacy form for more than one public office during an election cycle.	KRS 118.367(1)
Thursday 4/2	Last day for county clerks to transmit 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). *With the exception of absentee ballot requests by military and overseas voters that are received at least 45 days before the election, absentee ballots that are requested subsequent to the receipt of the ballots by the county clerks shall be transmitted to the voter within 3 days of the receipt of the application.	KRS 117.085(4)
Saturday 4/4	Last day for county clerks to transmit absentee ballots to military and overseas voters whose absentee ballot requests are received by that date (45 days before the election).	KRS 117A.080 42 USC § 1973ff-1(a)(8)(A)
Friday 4/17	Last day for candidates to submit lists of proposed challengers to the chair or secretary of county political party committee (not later than the third Friday in April).	KRS 117.315(1)
Monday 4/20 - Tuesday 5/12	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day).	KRS 117.389

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Monday 4/20	Last day to register to vote for the primary.	KRS 116.045(2)
Tuesday 4/21 - Monday 5/25	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following primary).	KRS 116.045(2)
Monday 4/27 *absentee voting to begin Friday 5/1	Last day for county 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 date 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)
Monday 4/27 *absentee voting to begin Friday 5/1	Last day for county boards 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 date 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)
Tuesday 4/28 *absentee voting to begin Friday 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 date 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)
Wednesday 4/29	Last day for lists of challengers to be submitted to county clerks (at least 20 days before primary).	KRS 117.315(1), (2) & (5)
MAY		
Friday 5/1 - Monday 5/18	Voter may make application to vote absentee in county clerk's office <u>at least 12 working days</u> 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)
Tuesday 5/5 - Tuesday 5/19	Voter and his/her spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of an election).	KRS 117.077
Friday 5/8	Last day for county boards of elections to give precinct officers written notice of appointment (not less than 10 days before primary).	KRS 117.045(7)

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Tuesday 5/12	<p>Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before primary). Applications, including the declaration accompanying a federal write-in absentee ballot, must be received by this day.</p> <p>*An application for a military-overseas ballot for a primary, whether or not timely, is effective as an application for a military-overseas ballot for the regular election.</p>	<p>KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085 KRS 117A.060(4) KRS 117A.070</p>
Tuesday 5/12	<p>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 return it to the county clerk's office (no later than 7 days before the election). Such a voter shall vote in person.</p>	<p>117.085(7)</p>
Tuesday 5/12 – Monday 5/18	<p>Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day who learn of that confinement within 7 days or less of an election may make application to vote absentee in the county clerk's office.</p>	<p>KRS 117.085(1)(e)(5)</p>
Tuesday 5/12	<p>Last day for state board of elections to furnish county clerks with lists of registered voters (at least 5 days before primary).</p>	<p>KRS 117.025(3)(b)</p>
Thursday 5/14	<p>Last day for county clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (not later than Thursday before election).</p>	<p>KRS 117.165(1)</p>
Thursday 5/14	<p>Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before primary).</p>	<p>KRS 424.290(1)</p>
Thursday 5/14	<p>Last day for county boards of elections to publish notice of time when voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).</p>	<p>KRS 117.165(1) KRS 424.130(1)(d)</p>
Friday 5/15	<p>Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than the Friday before primary).</p>	<p>KRS 117.165(1)</p>

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<p>Tuesday 5/19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • County boards of elections to meet at county clerk's office at 8 a.m. to count absentee ballots, but the absentee ballot results shall not be made public until after 6 p.m., prevailing time. • Any covered voter as defined in KRS 117A.010 who has received an absentee ballot but who knows that he or she will be in the county on Election Day and who has not voted pursuant to the provisions of KRS 117.086 shall return the absentee ballot to the county clerk's office on or before Election Day and vote in person. • Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m., prevailing time. • Information contained in an application for an absentee ballot shall not be made public until after the close of business hours on Election Day for which the application applies. There is no prohibition to disclose at any time, upon request, the total number of applications for absentee ballots that have been filed. 	<p>KRS 118.025(3) KRS 118.035(1), (4) KRS 117.085(9), (10) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3), (7)</p>
<p>Wednesday 5/20 – Friday 5/29</p>	<p>Voting machines to be locked (10 days following primary).</p>	<p>KRS 117.295(1)</p>
<p>Friday 5/22 12:00 PM</p>	<p>County boards 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).</p>	<p>KRS 118.425(4)</p>
<p>Friday 5/22</p>	<p>Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after primary).</p>	<p>KRS 117.355(1)</p>
<p>Tuesday 5/26 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after primary).</p>	<p>KRS 117.305(1)</p>
<p>Thursday 5/28 9:00 AM</p>	<p>County boards of elections shall conduct any requested recanvass (at 9 a.m. on Thursday after deadline to request a recanvass, and not sooner).</p>	<p>KRS 117.305(1)</p>
<p>Friday 5/29</p>	<p>Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports with the state board of elections and county grand jury (within 10 days after primary).</p>	<p>KRS 117.355(2)</p>

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JUNE		
Monday 6/1	Last day for county boards of elections to issue certificates of nomination (not later than the second Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(2)
Tuesday 6/2 4:00 PM	Candidate filing deadline: last day to file any petition, certificate or statement that must be filed not later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.	KRS 118.365 KRS 118.375 KRS 83A.045
Wednesday 6/3	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
Thursday 6/4 2:00 PM	Public drawing for ballot position in offices of Secretary of State and county clerks (Thursday following the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June).	KRS 118.225(2), (3) KRS 118A.090 (1)
Monday 6/8	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of nomination (not later than the third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5)
Thursday 6/18	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)
AUGUST		
Tuesday 8/25	Last day for county clerks 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)
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 9/4	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)
Tuesday 9/8	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). [Monday, September 7, 2020, is a legal holiday (Labor Day).]	KRS 118.215(1)(c) KRS 118A.090(2)
Monday 9/14	Deadline for printing of regular and absentee ballots (at least 50 days before election).	KRS 117.085(5) KRS 117.145(1) KRS 117A.150

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Thursday 9/17	Last day for county clerks to transmit 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). * With the exception of absentee ballot requests by military and overseas voters that are received at least 45 days before the election, absentee ballots that 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)
Saturday 9/19	Last day for county clerks to transmit absentee ballots to military and overseas voters whose absentee ballot requests are received by that date (45 days before the election).	KRS 117A.080 42 USC § 1973ff-1(a)(8)(A)
Monday 9/21	Last day for county boards of elections to establish voting places (September 20 of each year). [September 20, 2020, is a Sunday.]	KRS 117.065(1)
OCTOBER		
Monday 10/5 – Tuesday 10/27	County clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment (not more than 30 nor less than 5 days prior to election day).	KRS 117.389
Monday 10/5	Last day to register to vote for the general election.	KRS 116.045(2)
Tuesday 10/6 - Monday 11/9	Registration books are closed (fourth Tuesday preceding through first Monday following election).	KRS 116.045(2)
Friday 10/9 *absentee voting to begin Friday, 10/16	Last day for county 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). [Monday, October 12, 2020, is a legal holiday (Columbus Day). If your office is closed on this holiday, you must publish notice not later than the preceding day on which your office is open for business.] *[This date may vary depending on whether the county clerk's office is open for business on this holiday, 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)

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Friday 10/9 *absentee voting to begin Friday, 10/16	Last day for county boards 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). [Monday, October 12, 2020, is a legal holiday (Columbus Day). If your office is closed on this holiday, you must publish notice not later than the preceding day on which your office is open for business.] *[This date may vary depending on whether the county clerk's office is open for business on this holiday, 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)
Tuesday 10/13 *absentee voting to begin Friday, 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 date 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)
Wednesday 10/14	Last day for lists of challengers to be submitted to county clerks (at least 20 days before election).	KRS 117.315(2), (3) & (5)
Friday 10/16 - Monday 11/2	Voter may make application to vote absentee in county clerk's office <u>at least 12 working days</u> 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)
Tuesday 10/20 - Tuesday 11/3	Voter and his/her spouse may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of election).	KRS 117.077
Friday 10/23 4:00 PM	Last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (on or before fourth Friday in October).	KRS 117.265(2)
Friday 10/23	Last day for county boards of elections to send precinct officers written notice of appointment (not less than 10 days before election).	KRS 117.045(7)
Tuesday 10/27	Last day to apply for mail-in absentee ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before election). Applications, including the declaration accompanying a federal write-in absentee ballot, must be received by this day.	KRS 117.075 KRS 117.085 KRS 117A.060(4) KRS 117A.070
Tuesday 10/27	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 return it to the county clerk's office (no later than 7 days before the election). Such a voter shall vote in person.	KRS 117.085(7)

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Tuesday 10/27 – Monday 11/2	Members of the Armed Forces confined to a military base on election day who learn of that confinement within 7 days or less of an election may make application to vote absentee in the county clerk's office.	KRS 117.085(1)(e)(5)
Tuesday 10/27	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)
Thursday 10/29	Last day for county clerks to notify county boards of elections that machines are ready for use (Thursday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
Thursday 10/29	Last day for county clerks to publish copy of ballot (not less than 3 days before election).	KRS 424.290(1)
Thursday 10/29	Last day for county boards of elections to publish notice of time when voting machines are to be examined by the board (not less than 24 hours before examination).	KRS 117.165(1)
Friday 10/30	Last day for county clerks to equip machines with supplies for write-in votes (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.145(3)
Friday 10/30	Last day for county boards of elections to examine machines (not later than Friday before election).	KRS 117.165(1)
NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 11/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • County boards of elections to meet at county clerk's office at 8 a.m. to count absentee ballots, but the absentee ballot results shall not be made public until after 6 p.m., prevailing time. • Any covered voter as defined in KRS 117A.010 who has received an absentee ballot but who knows that he or she will be in the county on Election Day and who has not voted pursuant to the provisions of KRS 117.086 shall return the absentee ballot to the county clerk's office on or before Election Day and vote in person. • Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by clerk before 6 p.m., prevailing time. • Information contained in an application for an absentee ballot shall not be made public until after the close of business hours on Election Day for which the application applies. There is no prohibition to disclose at any time, upon request, the total number of applications for absentee ballots that have been filed. 	Ky. Const. § 148 KRS 118.025(4) KRS 118.035(1), (4) KRS 117.085(9), (10) KRS 117.086(1) KRS 117.087(3), (7)

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Wednesday 11/4 – Thursday 12/3	Voting machines and ballot boxes to be locked 30 days following election.	KRS 117.295(1)
Friday 11/6 12:00 PM	County boards 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)
Friday 11/6	Last day for precinct sheriffs to file report (within 3 days after election).	KRS 117.355(1)
Tuesday 11/10 4:00 PM	Deadline to request recanvass (before 4 p.m. on Tuesday after election).	KRS 117.305(1)
Thursday 11/12 9:00 AM	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)
Friday 11/13	Last day for county boards of elections to file post-election reports with the state board of elections and county grand jury (within 10 days after election).	KRS 117.355(2)
Monday 11/16	County boards of elections (except counties containing cities of the first class; see KRS 118.425(3)) shall issue certificates of election (not later than second Monday after the election).	KRS 118.425(2)
Monday 11/23	Last day for state board of elections to meet to tabulate votes and make out certificates of election (not later than third Monday after election).	KRS 118.425(5)
DECEMBER		
Thursday 12/3	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)
Monday 12/14 11:45 AM	Meeting of Presidential electors at State Capitol (first Monday after second Wednesday in December next after their election).	KRS 118.445

THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED ELECTIONS IN 2021