

1 AN ACT relating to local government.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ***→*** Section 1. KRS 132.380 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) (a) **1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. of this paragraph,** before
 5 ~~a~~~~any~~ person's name shall appear before the voters on election day as a
 6 candidate for the office of property valuation administrator in any
 7 primary or general election, ~~[except a current property valuation~~
 8 ~~administrator already qualified as a candidate to succeed himself or~~
 9 ~~herself in office,]~~ or before that person may be appointed **as a** property
 10 valuation administrator, **the** ~~[except as an interim appointee as provided~~
 11 ~~by KRS 132.375, that]~~ person shall hold a certificate issued by the
 12 department~~[,]~~ showing that he or she has been examined by the
 13 department and is qualified for the office.

14 **2. This section shall not apply to:**

15 **a. A current property valuation administrator already qualified as a**
 16 **candidate to succeed himself or herself in office; or**

17 **b. An interim appointee as provided by KRS 132.375.**

18 (b) All certificates issued shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.

19 (c) **1. The examinations shall be offered by the Kentucky Community and**
 20 **Technical College System during the examination period.**

21 **2. The department shall provide the Kentucky Community and Technical**
 22 **College System with the examination questions and other relevant**
 23 **information for administering the examination.**

24 **3.** The **examination questions**~~[examinations]~~ shall be written and
 25 formulated so as to test fairly the ability and fitness of the applicant to
 26 serve as **a** property valuation administrator.

27 (d) **The examination period shall be open nine (9) months prior to the first day**

a candidate is eligible to file for the office of property valuation administrator and closed three (3) weeks before the candidate filing deadline.

(e) The Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall work with the department to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish the registration process and fees for the examination~~[The department shall hold the examination at a central location during the month of November of each year immediately preceding each year in which property valuation administrators are to be elected].~~

~~(f)~~(e) The department shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the examination period, issue a statewide press release announcing the examination and post the announcement on the department's website~~[Web site]~~.

~~(f)~~ Any person desiring to take an examination shall appear at the time and place designated.

~~(2) (a)~~ If, after the giving of the examination, as provided in subsection (1) of this section, there is no person qualified to be a candidate in the county, the department shall hold a second examination.

~~(b)~~ Applicants from only those counties having no person qualified shall be eligible to take the examination.

~~(c)~~ Notice of the second examination shall be made by issuing a press release in those counties and posting an announcement for the examination on the department's Web site at least fourteen (14) days prior to the second examination.

~~(2)~~(3) ~~(a)~~ If no qualified candidate files for the office, the department shall cause a special examination ~~to~~shall be given by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System at a time determined by the department.

~~(b)~~ Notice of ~~and registration for~~ the special examination shall be issued in a

1 statewide press release and posted on the department's website at least thirty
 2 (30) days prior to the special examination being held~~[provided in the same~~
 3 ~~manner as provided in subsection (2) of this section].~~

4 ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ (a) Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of property valuation
 5 administrator to be filled by appointment or by election, and there is not more
 6 than one (1) person holding a valid certificate and eligible for appointment or
 7 election, the department shall ~~cause~~~~hold~~ a special examination to be held by
 8 the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for applicants
 9 seeking a certificate for the office. Notice of the special examination shall be
 10 provided in the same manner as subsection (2) of this section.

11 (b) If only one (1) person is qualified~~[,]~~ after the~~[giving of a]~~ special
 12 examination is held~~[, only one (1) person is qualified,]~~ the county
 13 judge/executive may request a second examination to be held by the
 14 Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

15 ~~[(c)]~~ Notice of~~[and registration for]~~ the second~~[special]~~ examination shall be
 16 issued in a statewide press release and posted on the department's website at
 17 least thirty (30) days before the second examination is held~~[provided in the~~
 18 ~~same manner as provided by subsection (2) of this section].~~

19 ~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ (a) Examinations shall be given and graded in accordance with rules
 20 created by~~[of]~~ the department and published at the time of the examination.

21 (b) After a candidate completes the examination, the Kentucky Community and
 22 Technical College System shall communicate to the department any
 23 information necessary from the candidate's examination for the department
 24 to determine whether the candidate passed the examination. Within ten (10)
 25 days of receipt of the information~~[after the examination]~~, a certificate of
 26 fitness and qualification to fill the office of property valuation administrator
 27 shall be issued by the department to the candidate if he or she passed the

1 examination~~each person passing the examination~~.

2 ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ Examination records shall be preserved by the department for twelve (12)
3 months after the examination, and the record of any person who took the
4 examination may be seen by him or her at the office of the department in Frankfort,
5 Kentucky.