

**244.290 Sales of distilled spirits or wine when polls are open permitted in wet or moist territory -- Power of local governments to regulate -- Sunday sales.**

- (1) (a) A licensee authorized to sell distilled spirits or wine at retail shall be permitted to sell and deliver distilled spirits and wine during the hours the polls are open on any primary, or regular, local option, or special election day unless it is located where the legislative body of a city, urban-county government, consolidated local government, charter county government, unified local government, or the fiscal court of a county adopts an ordinance after June 25, 2013, that prohibits the sale of distilled spirits and wine or limits the hours and times in which distilled spirits and wine may be sold within its jurisdictional boundaries on any primary, or regular, local option, or special election day during the hours the polls are open.
- (b) This subsection shall only apply in a wet or moist territory.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the contrary, the fiscal court of a county shall not by ordinance or any other means:
  1. Supersede, reverse, or modify any decision made pursuant to this subsection by the legislative body of a city within that county; or
  2. Impose an action upon a city within that county when that city has taken no formal action pursuant to this subsection.
- (2) In any county containing a city of the first class, or a city with a population equal to or greater than twenty thousand (20,000) based upon the most recent federal decennial census in which the sale of distilled spirits and wine by the drink is permitted under KRS Chapter 242, an election on the question of permitting the sale of distilled spirits and wine by the drink on Sunday may be held as provided in KRS Chapter 242.
- (3) Except as permitted by KRS 243.050 and subsection (4) of this section, a licensee authorized to sell distilled spirits or wine at retail shall not sell or deliver distilled spirits and wine between midnight and 6 a.m. or at any time during the twenty-four (24) hours of a Sunday.
- (4) (a) A licensee authorized to sell distilled spirits and wine at retail may sell and deliver distilled spirits and wine on Sunday and during the hours and times as permitted by local ordinance of the legislative body of a city, urban-county government, consolidated local government, charter county government, unified local government, or the county with local jurisdiction. These ordinances shall not prohibit the sale, gift, or delivery of distilled spirits or wine between 6 a.m. and 12 midnight any day, except Sunday.
- (b) A licensee authorized to sell distilled spirits and wine by the drink at retail may sell distilled spirits and wine by the drink on Sunday and during the times and hours as permitted by a local ordinance of the legislative body of an urban-county government, consolidated local government, charter county government, unified local government, city, or county with local jurisdiction. The ordinance shall not prohibit the sale or gift of distilled spirits and wine by the drink between 6 a.m. and midnight during any day, except Sunday.

- (5) In any territory containing a licensed small farm winery that is permitted to sell alcoholic beverages under KRS Chapter 242, the sale of alcoholic beverages at the small farm winery on Sunday may be permitted if:
- (a) The legislative body of the local government having jurisdiction approves by local ordinance the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday in strict accordance with the sales permitted by KRS 243.155 on the licensed premises of a small farm winery during the hours and times as permitted in the local ordinance; or
  - (b) A limited sale precinct election on the issue of Sunday sales is approved after meeting the requirements of KRS 242.1241.
- (6) In any county containing a city of the first class or in any city located in that county in which the sale of distilled spirits and wine is permitted under KRS Chapter 242, the distilled spirits administrator may issue a license to holders of a quota retail drink license or a special private club license that permits the sale of distilled spirits and wine by the drink on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the prevailing time for that locality.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005).** 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.