

CHAPTER 2**(HB 2)**

AN ACT relating to extending the filing deadline for congressional candidates and declaring an emergency.

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

→Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for the 2012 primary and for no other election, the filing deadline for congressional candidates under KRS 118.165 and 118.125 shall be February 7, 2012. All nomination papers shall be filed no later than 4 p.m. local time when filed on the last date on which the papers may be filed.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for the 2012 primary and for no other election, the time of the drawing for ballot positions for congressional candidates under KRS 118.225 shall be suspended and shall be held at a time determined by the Secretary of State following the February 7, 2012, filing deadline for congressional candidates.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for the 2012 primary and for no other election, the time of the certification of congressional candidates under KRS 118.215 shall be suspended and congressional candidates shall be certified at a time determined by the Secretary of State following the February 7, 2012, filing deadline for congressional candidates.

(4) Any other necessary election deadlines for the 2012 primary and for no other election, excluding the date of the primary under KRS 118.025, shall be established by the Secretary of State.

→Section 2. Whereas it is necessary for the 2012 filing deadline for congressional races pertaining to the 2012 primary to be extended and for other applicable election deadlines to be determined by the Secretary of State pending the passage of congressional redistricting legislation by the General Assembly, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor January 30, 2012.