

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**(Amendment)**

**31 KAR 4:196. Consolidation of precincts and precinct election officers.**

RELATES TO: KRS 117.066, 118.710, 118.720, 118.730

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 117.015(1)(a), KRS 117.066(3)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB6, Section 8.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 117.015(1)(a) authorizes the State Board of Elections to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to properly carry out its duties. KRS 117.066(3) requires the State Board of Elections to promulgate administrative regulations to provide for a form on which a county board of elections may petition the State Board of Elections to allow for the consolidation of precincts and the consolidation of precinct election officers at any voting location where voters of more than one (1) precinct vote. This administrative regulation establishes the form for a county board of elections to petition the State Board of Elections to allow for the consolidation of precincts and the consolidation of precinct election officers at any voting location where voters of more than one (1) precinct vote.

Section 1. A county board of elections shall petition the State Board of Elections to allow the consolidation of precincts and the consolidation of precinct election officers at any voting location where voters of more than one (1) precinct vote, by filing with the State Board of Elections, the Petition to Consolidate Precincts and Precinct Election Officers, Form SBE 74, no later than one hundred twenty (120) days before a primary or general election, or fifty-six (56) days before a special election. The State Board of Elections may request, at any time, from any county, a resubmission of a timely filed petition to consolidate precincts and precinct election officers if the petition is found to be deficient or incomplete upon review by the State Board of Elections.

Section 2. The submission of Form SBE 74 shall be accompanied by no less than one (1) map, scalable to a sheet of 8.5 in. x 11 in. paper of the county showing the location of any consolidated precincts comprising a county-wide vote center.

Section 3. Incorporated by Reference.

(1) "Petition to Consolidate Precincts and Precinct Election Officers", Form SBE 74, 08/2023, is incorporated by reference.

(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the State Board of Elections, 140 Walnut Street, Frankfort, Kentucky Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(3) This material may also be obtained on the board's Web site at <https://elect.ky.gov>.

*KAREN SELLERS, Executive Director*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: October 13, 2025

FILED WITH LRC: October 14, 2025 AT 11:55 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on December 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. ET, at the Office of the State Board of Elections. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be

accepted until December 31, 2025. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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