

116.045 Voter registration, transfer, or change of party affiliation -- Availability of forms.

- (1) Any person may register as a voter during the period registration is open if he or she possesses, or will possess on the day of the next regular election, the qualifications set forth in KRS 116.025.
- (2) The county clerk shall cause all registration to be closed the fourth Tuesday preceding through the first Monday following any primary or general election, and the twenty-eight (28) days prior to and seven (7) days following any special election. If the last day of registration falls on a state or federal holiday, the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or federal holiday. During the period that registration is closed, the county clerk may accept and process registrations. Any voter who registers during the period that registration is closed, except for any registered voter who transfers his or her registration pursuant to KRS 116.085(2) or (3), shall not be permitted to vote in the upcoming election.
- (3) In all counties, the county clerk shall receive registrations, transfers, or changes of party affiliation at branch offices at any place in the county during those periods that the registration books are open except for those transfers pursuant to KRS 116.085(2) or 116.085(3). However, notice in the manner provided by KRS Chapter 424 shall be given at least three (3), but not more than fourteen (14), days in advance of the time and place of any branch registration, and ten (10) days' written notice shall be given to the county executive committee of each major political party in the county in which the branch registration is to be held.
- (4) Any person may register to vote or may change his or her party affiliation in any of the following ways:
 - (a) In person;
 - (b) By mail;
 - (c) By means of the federal post card application, if the person is a resident of Kentucky and a member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent of members of the Armed Forces, or overseas citizen;
 - (d) By mail-in application form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; or
 - (e) By other methods of registration, or reregistration, approved by the State Board of Elections, including the use of voluntary interested groups and political parties, under the proper supervision and directions of the county clerk, which may include door to door canvassing.
- (5) Upon receipt of the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections or the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, properly filled out and signed by the applicant, the county clerk shall register the applicant.
- (6) Any individual or group shall have access to a reasonable number of voter registration forms including the mail-in application form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 in

the county clerk's office. The individual or group shall act under the proper supervision and directions of the county clerk and shall return these completed forms to the county clerk for official registration by the county clerk.

- (7) No later than December 31, 1994, the Transportation Cabinet shall equip all driver's license agencies to comply with the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The Secretary of State shall provide assistance and interpretation to the Transportation Cabinet in determining the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.
- (8) The county clerk shall enter the specific party identification of the voter with a political party, political organization, or political group as defined in KRS 118.015, or independent status, as indicated by the voter on the voter registration form, into the statewide voter registration system. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to provide for tracking of the registration of voters identifying with political organizations and political groups as defined in KRS 118.015, and voters of independent status.

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