

1 AN ACT relating to voter registration.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 116.055 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** Before a person shall be qualified to vote in a primary~~[election]~~, he ***or she:***

5 **(a)** Shall possess all the qualifications required of voters in a regular election;~~[. In~~
6 addition, he]

7 **(b)** Shall ***have been***~~[be]~~ a registered member of the party in whose primary~~[~~
8 election] he ***or she*** seeks to vote~~[, and shall have been registered as a member~~
9 of that party] on December 31 immediately preceding the primary; **and**~~[~~
10 election, or, in the case of new registrations made after December 31
11 immediately preceding the primary election, he shall have registered and]

12 **(c)** ***Shall have*** remained ***continuously*** registered as a member of that party ***in***
13 ***whose primary he or she seeks to vote between December 31 immediately***
14 ***preceding the primary and the date set for the primary.***

15 **(2)** ***In the case of a new registration made after December 31 immediately preceding***
16 ***the primary, a voter shall have registered and remained continuously registered***
17 ***as a member of the party in whose primary he or she seeks to vote from the date***
18 ***of registration until the date set for the primary.***

19 **(3)** ***Any voter who withdraws his or her registration after December 31 immediately***
20 ***preceding the primary, and reregisters as a voter with a different party affiliation,***
21 ***during those periods that the registration books are open immediately preceding***
22 ***the primary, shall not be eligible to vote in the upcoming primary.***

23 **(4)** No person shall be allowed to vote for any party candidates or slates of candidates
24 other than that of the party of which he is a registered member.

25 **(5)** The qualifications shall be determined as of the date of the primary, without regard
26 to the qualifications or disqualifications as they may exist at the succeeding regular
27 election, except that minors seventeen (17) years of age who will become eighteen

1 (18) years of age on or before the day of the regular election shall be entitled to vote
2 in the primary if otherwise qualified. However, any registered voter, whether
3 registered as a member of a party, political organization, political group, or as an
4 independent, shall be qualified to vote in primary elections for candidates listed in
5 all nonpartisan races.