

1 AN ACT relating to elections.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 118.367 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) An independent, or political organization, or political group candidate required to  
5 file nomination papers pursuant to KRS 118.365(5) shall be required to file a  
6 statement-of-candidacy form with the same office at which nomination papers are  
7 filed. Candidates for federal office and candidates for mayor or legislative body in  
8 cities of the home rule class participating in partisan elections shall not be required  
9 to file a statement-of-candidacy form. The statement-of-candidacy form shall be  
10 filed not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the  
11 year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot and not later  
12 than ***the last Tuesday in January***~~[April 1]~~ preceding the day fixed by law for  
13 holding of regular elections for the offices sought.~~[If the office in which the~~  
14 ~~statement-of-candidacy form is to be filed is closed on April 1, the form may be~~  
15 ~~filed on the next business day.]~~ The statement-of-candidacy form shall be filed no  
16 later than 4 p.m. local time when filed on the last day on which papers are permitted  
17 to be filed. No person shall file a statement-of-candidacy form for more than one (1)  
18 public office during an election cycle.
- 19 (2) The statement-of-candidacy form shall be prescribed by the State Board of  
20 Elections. The statement-of-candidacy form shall be signed by the candidate upon  
21 filing. No charge shall be assessed for the filing of a statement-of-candidacy form.  
22 The Secretary of State and county clerks shall examine the statement-of-candidacy  
23 form of each candidate who files the form to determine if there is an error. If an  
24 error has occurred, the candidate shall be notified by certified mail within twenty-  
25 four (24) hours.