

1 AN ACT relating to voter registration.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 116.045 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Any person may register as a voter during the period registration is open if he or she
5 possesses, or will possess on the day of the next regular election, the qualifications
6 set forth in KRS 116.025.
- 7 (2) The county clerk shall cause all registration to be closed for twenty-one (21)~~the~~
8 ~~fourth Tuesday preceding through the first Monday following any primary or~~
9 ~~general election, and the twenty eight (28)~~ days prior to and seven (7) days
10 following any primary, general, or special election. If the last day of registration
11 falls on a state or federal holiday, the period runs until the end of the next day
12 which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or federal holiday. During the period
13 that registration is closed, the county clerk may accept and process registrations.
14 Any voter who registers during the period that registration is closed, except for any
15 registered voter who transfers his or her registration pursuant to KRS 116.085(2) or
16 (3), shall not be permitted to vote in the upcoming election.
- 17 (3) In all counties, the county clerk shall receive registrations, transfers, or changes of
18 party affiliation at branch offices at any place in the county during those periods
19 that the registration books are open except for those transfers pursuant to KRS
20 116.085(2) or 116.085(3). However, notice in the manner provided by KRS Chapter
21 424 shall be given at least three (3), but not more than fourteen (14), days in
22 advance of the time and place of any branch registration, and ten (10) days' written
23 notice shall be given to the county executive committee of each major political
24 party in the county in which the branch registration is to be held.
- 25 (4) Any person may register to vote or may change his or her party affiliation in any of
26 the following ways:
- 27 (a) In person;

- 1 (b) By mail;
- 2 (c) By means of the federal post card application, if the person is a resident of
3 Kentucky and a member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent of members of
4 the Armed Forces, or overseas citizen;
- 5 (d) By mail-in application form prescribed by the Election Assistance
6 Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; or
- 7 (e) By other methods of registration, or reregistration, approved by the State
8 Board of Elections, including the use of voluntary interested groups and
9 political parties, under the proper supervision and directions of the county
10 clerk, which may include door to door canvassing.
- 11 (5) Upon receipt of the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections or the Election
12 Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
13 properly filled out and signed by the applicant, the county clerk shall register the
14 applicant.
- 15 (6) Any individual or group shall have access to a reasonable number of voter
16 registration forms including the mail-in application form prescribed by the Election
17 Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 in
18 the county clerk's office. The individual or group shall act under the proper
19 supervision and directions of the county clerk and shall return these completed
20 forms to the county clerk for official registration by the county clerk.
- 21 (7) No later than December 31, 1994, the Transportation Cabinet shall equip all driver's
22 license agencies to comply with the provisions of the National Voter Registration
23 Act of 1993. The Secretary of State shall provide assistance and interpretation to the
24 Transportation Cabinet in determining the requirements of the National Voter
25 Registration Act of 1993.
- 26 (8) The county clerk shall enter the specific party identification of the voter with a
27 political party, political organization, or political group as defined in KRS 118.015,

1 or independent status, as indicated by the voter on the voter registration form, into
2 the statewide voter registration system. The State Board of Elections shall
3 promulgate regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to provide for tracking of the
4 registration of voters identifying with political organizations and political groups as
5 defined in KRS 118.015, and voters of independent status.

6 (9) For purposes of voter registration, no county clerk, governmental body of any city,
7 county, urban-county government, consolidated local government, unified local
8 government, charter county government, or any employee thereof, shall accept any
9 private monetary funds to assist with voter registration activities unless accepted as
10 part of a valid contract for goods and services.

11 ➔Section 2. KRS 116.113 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Upon receipt of notification from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or
13 other reliable sources of the death of a person, the State Board of Elections shall
14 within five (5) days cause the removal of the name of that person from the voter
15 registration records it maintains, except that no voter's name may be removed
16 during the period of time the registration books are closed for any primary, general,
17 or special election.

18 (2) Upon receipt of notification from the circuit clerk that a person has been declared
19 incompetent, the State Board of Elections shall within five (5) days cause the
20 removal of the name of that person from the voter registration records it maintains,
21 except that no voter's name may be removed during the period of time the
22 registration books are closed for any primary, general, or special election.

23 (3) Upon receipt of notification from the Administrative Office of the Courts that a
24 person has been convicted of a felony offense, the State Board of Elections shall
25 within five (5) days cause the removal of the name of that person from the voter
26 registration records it maintains, except that no voter's name may be removed
27 during the period of time the registration books are closed for any primary, general,

1 or special election.

2 (4) Upon receipt of notification from a local or state jurisdiction that a voter has
3 registered to vote in the new local or state jurisdiction outside of the
4 Commonwealth, the State Board of Elections shall within five (5) days cause the
5 removal of the name of that person from the voter registration records that it
6 maintains, except that no voter's name may be removed during the period of time
7 the registration books are closed for any primary, regular election, or special
8 election.

9 (5) Following the purge of a name from the records of the State Board of Elections, the
10 state board shall notify the clerk of the county in which the voter lived of the action;
11 and the county clerk shall within ten (10) days update the county voter registration
12 files to reflect the necessary change. If a protest is filed by the voter, the county
13 board shall hear it at its next regular monthly meeting. If the county board decides
14 in favor of the protesting voter, the voter's registration record shall be restored,
15 including his or her voting record. If the protest is filed while the registration books
16 are closed and the county board decides in favor of the protesting voter, the county
17 board shall issue the voter an "Authorization to Vote" for the upcoming election
18 and the voter's record shall be restored when the registration books open following
19 the election.

20 **(6) Upon receipt of notifications pursuant to subsections (1), (2), or (3) of this section**
21 **that occur within five (5) days of the closing of the registration books, the State**
22 **Board of Elections shall cause the removal of the name of that person from the**
23 **voter registration records before the registration books are closed.**