

1 AN ACT relating to local government.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 132.380 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) (a) Before any person's name shall appear before the voters on election day as a  
5 candidate for the office of property valuation administrator in any primary or  
6 general election, except a current property valuation administrator already  
7 qualified as a candidate to succeed himself or herself in office, or before that  
8 person may be appointed property valuation administrator, except as an  
9 interim appointee as provided by KRS 132.375, that person shall hold a  
10 certificate issued by the department, showing that he or she has been  
11 examined by the department and is qualified for the office.

12 (b) **1. To receive a certification by the department, a person shall pass:**

13 **a. An examination during the initial examination period provided**  
14 **under paragraph (c)3. of this subsection;**

15 **b. A special examination, if offered, as provided under paragraph**  
16 **(c)5. of this subsection; or**

17 **c. An examination, if offered after the filing deadline of the**  
18 **primary election, as provided under subsection (3) of this section.**

19 **2.** All certificates issued shall expire **eighteen months (18)**~~one (1) year~~  
20 from the date of issuance.

21 (c) **1. The department shall work cooperatively with the Kentucky**  
22 **Community and Technical College System to prepare and administer**  
23 **an examination for any person described in paragraph (a) of this**  
24 **section. The examination**~~examinations~~ **shall be written and formulated**  
25 **in a manner that prohibits a person from memorizing specific**  
26 **questions or the order of specific answers**~~so as to test fairly the ability~~  
27 ~~and fitness of the applicant to serve as property valuation administrator].~~

1            2. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Act, the  
 2            department shall promulgate an administrative regulation in  
 3            accordance with KRS Chapter 13A, incorporating by reference a study  
 4            guide and a practice test of all tested topics to be used in preparation  
 5            for the examination.

6            ~~3. (d)~~     The Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall  
 7            determine regional locations throughout the Commonwealth which  
 8            afford ample opportunity for any person to take the examination  
 9            during a period that immediately precedes the first day a candidate is  
 10           eligible to file for election to the office of property valuation  
 11           administrator. The period shall begin no later than the first week of  
 12           August and continue until the second Friday in December~~department~~  
 13           ~~shall hold the examination at a central location during the month of~~  
 14           ~~November of each year immediately preceding each year in which~~  
 15           ~~property valuation administrators are to be elected].~~

16           4. The examination will be available for any person at each regional  
 17           location within the hours designated by the Kentucky Community and  
 18           Technical College System.

19           5. If no person within a county received certification by the department,  
 20           the county judge/executive of that county may request no more than  
 21           two (2) special examinations to be held before the second Friday in  
 22           December or until at least one (1) person for that county is certified by  
 23           the department, whichever occurs first.

24           ~~6. (e)~~     The department shall:

25           a.     ~~[-]~~At least thirty (30) days prior to the initial examination in  
 26           August:

27           i.     ~~[-]~~Issue a statewide press release announcing the

1 examination locations and dates for testing; and  
 2 ii. Post the same information~~[announcement]~~ on the  
 3 department's website and social media platforms; and  
 4 b. Notify all persons of the testing results within five (5) days of the  
 5 testing date~~[Web site]~~.

6 ~~7.~~~~(f)~~ Any person desiring to take an examination shall appear at the  
 7 time and place designated for his or her desired regional location.

8 8. During the initial examination period, a person shall not be eligible to  
 9 take the examination more than two (2) times and no more frequently  
 10 than once every thirty (30) days.

11 ~~(2) (a) [If, after the giving of the examination, as provided in subsection (1) of this~~  
 12 ~~section, there is no person qualified to be a candidate in the county, the~~  
 13 ~~department shall hold a second examination.~~

14 ~~(b) Applicants from only those counties having no person qualified shall be~~  
 15 ~~eligible to take the examination.~~

16 ~~(c) Notice of the second examination shall be made by issuing a press release in~~  
 17 ~~those counties and posting an announcement for the examination on the~~  
 18 ~~department's Web site at least fourteen (14) days prior to the second~~  
 19 ~~examination.~~

20 ~~(3) (a) If no qualified candidate files for the office, A special examination shall be~~  
 21 ~~given at a time determined by ]The department and the Kentucky Community~~  
 22 ~~and Technical College System shall give a special examination, if:~~

23 1. The county judge/executive requests a special examination under  
 24 subsection (1)(c)5. of this section; and

25 2. a.~~[~~

26 ~~(b) Notice of and registration for the special examination shall be provided~~  
 27 ~~in the same manner as provided in subsection (2) of this section.~~

1           (4) ~~(a)~~ ~~[Whenever]~~ There is a vacancy in the office of property valuation  
 2           administrator to be filled by appointment or by election, and there  
 3           is not more than one (1) person holding a valid certificate and  
 4           eligible for appointment or election; or, ~~the department shall hold~~  
 5           ~~a special examination for applicants seeking a certificate for the~~  
 6           ~~office].~~

7           **b.** ~~(b)~~ ~~[If,]~~ After the giving of a special examination, only one (1)  
 8           person is qualified **and a request for a second special**  
 9           **examination is submitted by** ~~the county judge/executive~~ ~~may~~  
 10          ~~request a second examination].~~

11          ~~(b)~~ ~~(c)~~ Notice of and registration for **each** ~~the~~ special examination shall be  
 12          provided in the same manner as provided by subsection ~~(1)(c)~~ ~~(2)~~ of this  
 13          section.

14          **(c) For a special examination, a person shall not be eligible to take the**  
 15          **examination more than two (2) times or more frequently than once every**  
 16          **fifteen (15) days.**

17          **(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1)(c) and (2) of this section, if there is not a**  
 18          **qualified candidate for property valuation administrator of a county before the**  
 19          **filing deadline for the primary election, the department and the Kentucky**  
 20          **Community and Technical College System shall hold the examination until the**  
 21          **earlier of:**

22          **(a) At least two (2) persons for that county being certified by the department; or**

23          **(b) Thirty (30) days prior to the certification of candidates for the regular**  
 24          **election under KRS 118.215.**

25          ~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ (a) Examinations shall be given and graded in accordance with rules  
 26          **created by** ~~of~~ the department **and promulgated in an administrative**  
 27          **regulation in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A** ~~published at the time of the~~

1           ~~examination~~].

2           (b) Within ten (10) days after the examination, a certificate of ~~[fitness and]~~  
3           qualification to fill the office of property valuation administrator shall be  
4           issued by the department to each person passing the examination.

5           ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ Examination records shall be preserved by the department for *eighteen (18)*~~[~~  
6           ~~twelve (12)]~~ months after the examination, and the record of any person who took  
7           the examination may be seen by him or her at the office of the department in  
8           Frankfort, Kentucky.

9           ➔Section 2. Whereas a qualified property valuation administrator is essential in  
10          the assessment of property values, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes  
11          effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a  
12          law.