

Kentucky State Board of Elections

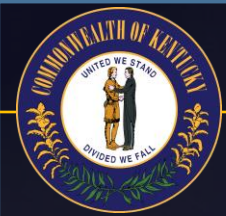
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The State Board of Elections

Five Steps to Safer Elections

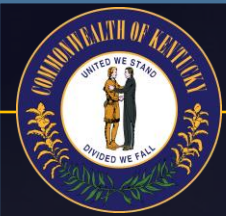
2024 General Election



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Election Administration in Kentucky

- ❑ State Board of Elections – Independent agency that administers federal and state election laws, supervises registration and purgation of voters within the state.
- ❑ County Clerks and County Boards of Election – Conduct local elections, oversight and inspection of voting machines, training of local election officers, public outreach, and direct interaction with voters.



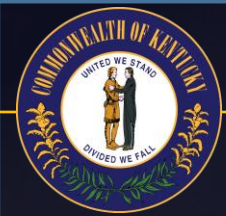
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KY County-level Election Administration

Duties that fall on County Clerks and County Boards of Election include:

The Obvious

- Follow federal and state laws to ensure our elections are safe, accessible, and secure
- Voter registration and coding voters for the correct ballot face
- Selecting voting locations that meet all the requirements of a voting location
- Creating and approval of election plans each election
- Staffing election offices and voting locations
- Providing voting locations with sufficient voting equipment
- Local candidate filings
- Submission of unofficial election night results
- Production of post-election reports and certifications
- Availability and accountability to voters of our counties
- Organizing and ordering supplies to ensure accurate inventory for elections
- Delivery of Election Equipment



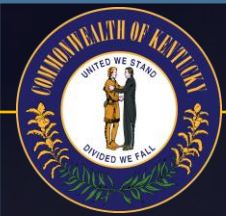
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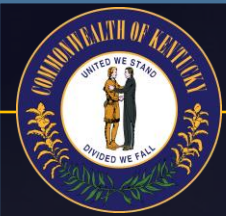
The Not So Obvious

- Working with Fiscal Courts to ensure adequate funding
- Voting location and security oversight/planning
- Complying with DOJ requirements for ADA
- Workflow and election security management
- Responding to open records requests
- Continuous training of election laws, changes, and updates
- Publication of notices in newspapers
- Printing of ballots and other election materials such as signage
- Voting machine accuracy testing, inspections, and security
- Open and close all polling locations each day of in-person voting
- Daily documentation of election equipment during voting hours
- Secure voting materials
- Ongoing communication with our election vendors
- Annual report to receive state funding



Five Steps to Safer Elections

- MEET
- SHARE
- AGREE
- PLAN
- PRACTICE

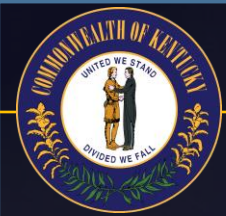


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MEET WITH LOCAL PARTNERS

- Build relationship with County Clerk – starts with friendship (or at the least respect)
- Security planning
- Identify and address concerns
- Consider whether to engage with other state or federal agencies

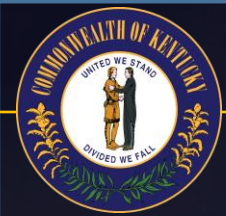


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SHARE – SET GOALS FOR THE MEETING

- Understand each others operating environment during the election cycle
- Share key details of your county's election administration (calendar, polling locations, etc.)
- Share contact information of key staff and assign duties accordingly
- Set expectations and boundaries based on framework of the law
- Identify community stakeholder groups that may need to be kept informed
- Share history of election worker intimidation to establish a need for cooperation
- Map a path forward

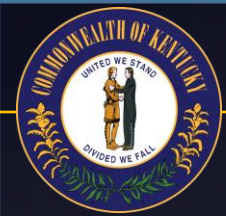


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AGREE

- Routine security support for election operations
- Statutory duties such as transport of secure election equipment and supplies
- Physical security advice
- Rules of Engagement, especially where voters and the public are present
- What if scenarios – plan and practice
- Other routine security oversight

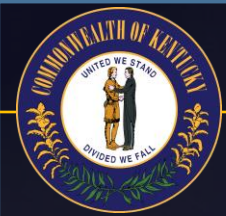


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PLAN

- Plan for incident response to facilitate smooth operations, no matter what happens. Determine the scope and risk of the incident. Respond appropriately, take protective and preventative measures for staff.
- Plan crisis communications to create awareness to deter further incidents. Identify, in advance, who needs to be notified in the case of an incident or emergency, including internal and external stakeholders.



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PRACTICE

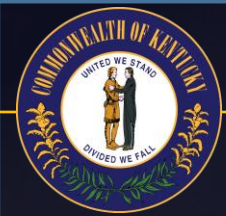
- Meet regularly to discuss new potential incidents and requirements and actions.
- Conduct/Participate in a Tabletop exercise to role play scenarios and establish good habits and identify gaps
- Practice all aspects of emergency response, including communications.



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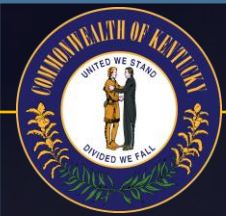
Event	When	Where	Public Invited
Absentee Portal Opens	9/21 – 10/22	www.govote.ky.gov	No
Mailing of Ballots	September 21	Post Office	No
Opening of Drop Box(es)	September 21	Locations Vary by County	No
Ballot Pick-Up from Drop Box(es)	Every day Monday-Friday	Same	No
Ballot Pick-Up from Post Office	Every day Monday - Friday	Locations Vary by County	No
Accuracy & Logic Testing	10/6 – 10/31	Locations Vary by County	Yes
Ballot Processing	10/22 – 11/5	Locations Vary by County	Yes
Delivery and Set-Up of Voting Equipment	10/23 – 11/4	Vary by County	No
6-day, Excused In-Person Voting	10/23 – 10/25 10/28 – 10/30	County Clerk Offices	Yes
3-day, No-Excuse In-Person Early Voting	10/31, 11/1, and 11/2	Vary by County	Yes
Election Day	November 5 6:00am–6:00pm Local Time	Locations Vary by County	Yes
Election Night Reporting Results	November 5 after 6:00pm Local Time	Location Vary by County	Yes



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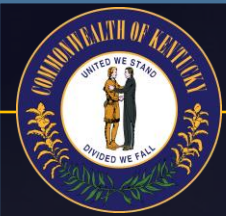
Shared Election Administration Objective

- The State Board of Elections, County Clerks, and the County Boards of Election work to ensure secure, accurate, and accessible elections during each election cycle through the administration of federal and state election laws.
- Voter Turnout –Expect higher voter turnout for November 5th – Presidential Election, Constitutional Amendments, and Medical Cannabis on the ballot.



Shared Election Administration Objective

- Enemies of the Right to Vote
 - Misinformation
 - Lack of Education
 - Apathy
- **Communication with your County Clerk is important to the success of any election**



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Questions?