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## REGISTERING TO VOTE

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### 1. STATUS: Am I registered to vote?

You can determine whether a voter is registered to vote by checking the Kentucky State Board of Elections' website (<https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/vic>).

In order to check registration status on the website the voter must provide their first name, last name and date of birth. If multiple voters are found then voters are requested to provide the last 4 digits of their social security number (SSN) in addition to the required information.

Voters may also contact their county clerk office to check the status of their registration.

### 2. HOW: How do I register to vote? What if I don't have access to a computer and/or printer?

**Online:** You can register to vote online at the Kentucky State Board of Elections' website at (<https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/>). The 2020 General Election is November 3, 2020. The deadline to register online to vote in the 2020 General Election is October 5, 2020 4:00 p.m. local time.

**By Mail:** You can also register to vote using the Kentucky voter registration form. Be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill it out completely. Send the completed form to your local election official. To register by mail, the form must be postmarked by Monday, October 5, 2020.

Link to the Kentucky voter registration form:

(<https://elect.ky.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/Register%20to%20Vote/Kentucky%20Voter%20Registration%20Card.pdf> )

**In Person:** Visit your County Clerk's Office to submit an application in person. The last day to register for the general election is Monday, October 5, 2020.

### 3. IDENTIFICATION: What ID is required to register to vote?

If registering to vote online:

An applicant *who has a Kentucky driver's license or Kentucky personal identification card* must:

- (a) Agree to the use of his or her Kentucky driver's license signature or Kentucky personal identification card signature for voter registration purposes; and
- (b) Provide his or her Kentucky driver's license number or Kentucky personal identification card number.

An applicant *who **does not have** a Kentucky driver's license or Kentucky personal identification card*, may either:

- (a) Provide an electronic signature to be used for voter registration purposes; or
- (b) Print the registration application, sign it, and return it to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant resides.<sup>1</sup>

**4. DEADLINES: When is/was the voter registration deadline? Are there different deadlines whether I register by mail, in-person, online or on Election Day?**

Voters must register to vote at least 29 calendar days before an election they intend to vote in.<sup>ii</sup> **For the November 3, 2020 general election, the registration deadline is Monday, October 5, 2020.**<sup>iii</sup>

**Online:** The online portal indicates that “[t]he deadline to register online to vote...is October 5, 2020 **4:00 p.m. local time**”.

**By mail:** Voter registration applications submitted by mail will be processed if they are legibly postmarked by the applicable registration deadline.<sup>iv</sup>

**5. SAME DAY: Does my state have Same Day Registration (i.e. I can register to vote the same day I vote)? If so, what is the process?**

No. Kentucky does not offer Same Day Registration.<sup>v</sup>

**6. PERMANENT MOVE: I have moved permanently and I didn’t update my voter registration, can I vote?**

Refer to the table below. The answer to this question depends on whether the voter moved within the same county/election jurisdiction or moved to a new county.

<b>Moved within the same precinct</b>	<b>Moved to a different precinct but within the same county</b>	<b>Moved to a different election jurisdiction (typically county)</b>	<b>Moved from a different state</b>
Yes. If you have a new address and you move after the registration deadline, you should go to the polling place for your new address and update your address there. <sup>vi</sup>	Yes. If you have moved from one precinct to another within the same county, you can update the registration records and vote in the present election at the precinct designated for your new address upon affirmation of your new address and signing the precinct list. <sup>vii</sup> You must also confirm your identity and submit an affidavit. <sup>viii</sup>	<b>If you moved after the close of registration (October 5, 2020),</b> you may vote at the appropriate precinct for your <u>old</u> residence in your previous county of residence, but you must re-register to vote in your new county of residence for future elections. <sup>ix</sup> <b>If you moved before the close of registration and failed to update your registration,</b> you may NOT eligible to vote in this election.	If you change your place of residence to a different state <b>before a presidential election (not primary election, even if for the party nominee for President)</b> while the registration books are closed in the new state, you can apply for and cast a Kentucky mail-in absentee ballot or vote on the absentee voting machine in the county clerk's office <b>for President and Vice President only.</b> <sup>x</sup>

**7. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily due to Covid-19 or some other reason. Where can I vote?**

You can request an absentee ballot to be sent to your address by completing an Absentee Application.

**8. STUDENT: I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? What if I am taking classes remotely? Where can I vote?**

I AM A KENTUCKY RESIDENT, AND...

**I am living on campus outside my county of residence**

You may submit a request for an absentee ballot to be mailed to your on-campus address by completing an Absentee Application.

**I am attending school in another state/abroad**

If you wish to vote in the Kentucky elections, you can request an absentee ballot to be sent to your college address by completing an Absentee Application. You will need to submit a request for an absentee ballot for every election you are away from your Kentucky residence.

I AM FROM ANOTHER STATE AND ATTENDING SCHOOL IN KENTUCKY. I WANT TO...

**Vote in Kentucky elections**

If you attend school in Kentucky, you can establish residency and vote in Kentucky if you have a present intention to remain at your Kentucky school address for the time being and make it your principal home.<sup>xi</sup>

**Vote in my home state elections**

Please contact the Elections Office in your home state to find out how to receive a ballot while in Kentucky.

If taking classes remotely, the jurisdiction that a person is entitled to vote would generally be their place of abode.

**9. LIVING ABROAD: I am living abroad and/or am serving in the military. How can I register and/or vote?**

You can register to vote by completing a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). The completed FPCA must then be received by the County Clerk's office on or before the registration deadline for the upcoming election to be added to the voter rolls.

The voter can get step-by-step assistance and forms at <http://www.fvap.gov/> and at <https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Military-or-Overseas-Voters.aspx>.

The voter can request a ballot at <https://ky.secureballotusa.com/portal/#/request-ballot/fpca>

**10. CRIMINAL CONVICTION: I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?**

It depends. Rights are restored automatically to people with some past felony convictions who:

- have completed their full sentence, probation, and parole; or
- who are still on probation or parole only because of unpaid fines or restitution.

Rights were not restored to people who were:

- convicted of bribery, treason, sex offenses, and some “violent” offenses as defined by Kentucky law;
- convicted in a different state; or
- convicted of federal crimes.<sup>xii</sup>

If your rights were not restored, you can petition the Governor for restoration of civil rights.<sup>xiii</sup>

The application is free and can be found [here](#). The application takes up to twelve weeks to process. Voters can visit this link to see if their rights have been restored:

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/Corrections/VoterEligibility/search>

If a voter believes their rights should have been restored but their name is not in the database, the voter should call the Kentucky Department of Corrections at 502-782-2266 or email them at [CivilRights.Restoration@KY.gov](mailto:CivilRights.Restoration@KY.gov).

**11. INCARCERATED: I am currently in jail. Can I vote?**

Yes, you can vote if you do not have a disqualifying criminal conviction (see the question above). A person who is incarcerated but otherwise eligible to vote (e.g., is awaiting trial and has not been convicted) is eligible to vote by absentee ballot – see question 23.

**12. NOT ON ROLLS AT POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place and am not on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?**

If a voter is not found on the rolls of the polling place where the voter is attempting to vote or if the poll worker cannot otherwise determine the registration status of the voter, the voter may cast a provisional ballot. If the poll worker contends that the voter is not eligible to vote at the particular precinct, but that voter believes he or she is eligible to vote at that location, that voter can cast a provisional ballot. However, if it is later determined that the voter was ineligible to vote in that precinct, then the provisional ballot will NOT count.<sup>xiv</sup> **Casting a provisional ballot is a last resort however and it is best to first determine if the voter is in the right polling place.**

**13. THOUGHT I WAS REGISTERED: My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. Could it have been removed? What do I do?**

A voter's name should only be removed from the list of registered voters by his or her written request, a felony conviction, death, mental incompetency, or in connection with a voter registration list maintenance program.<sup>xv</sup> Errors can occur however.

Kentucky has a program that identifies voters whose addresses may have changed. If information provided by the postal service or other sources to the State Board of Elections suggests that a voter has moved to a different address in the same county, the board will send a returnable notice form of the change of address, prepaid and pre-addressed, to the new address. The voter must fill out this form and return it to verify the information is correct. If the voter fails to respond to a confirmation mailing from the State Board of Elections after a change of address, and does not vote in two subsequent federal elections, the voter will be removed from the rolls.<sup>xvi</sup>

Any voter whose name was removed in one of the above ways and who then becomes eligible to vote must reregister in order to have his or her name restored to the statewide voter registration system. If a voter's name has been removed from the rolls and the voter registration deadline has passed, offer to call the jurisdiction with the voter in an attempt to resolve the situation, if time allows. Otherwise, provide the jurisdiction's phone number to the voter.

Note that you can take steps to help to determine why a voter's name is not popping up on the list of registered voters:

- Check the voter's registration status using the registration lookup tool to make sure he/she is registered to vote and at the right place. (See [Question 1](#))
- Has the voter moved recently? Could he/she be registered at an old address? Check that address in the registration lookup tool. (See [Question 1](#) and [Question 6](#))
- Has the voter changed his/her name recently, or could he/she be registered under a different name? Check that name (and any variations of the voter's name, especially for hyphenated names, which sometimes trip up databases) in the registration lookup tool. (See [Question 1](#))
- Ask when/where the voter last registered to vote? Was that before the deadline?



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## HOW TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING

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**14. AVAILABILITY: Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)? When is it?**

Yes. For the November 3, 2020 general election ONLY, all voters may vote early in-person. Early voting begins beginning on October 13, 2020. In-person voting will be offered every weekday between October 13 and November 3, including every Saturday for at least four hours. Check with your local clerk to determine times and locations for early in-person voting.

Anyone may vote early in-person, the voter need not be concerned about contracting or spreading COVID-19 to vote in this manner.

**15. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a reason to vote early?**

No. Anyone can vote early, however, voters who request to vote by absentee ballot may not vote in person unless the voter does not receive their requested ballot by October 28, 2020. See question 19.

**16. WHEN: When do the polls open/close during early voting?**

Dates and hours vary by county / location. To find your polling location and hours, check here <https://www.sos.ky.gov/elections/Pages/Polling-Locations.aspx>

**17. WHERE: Where do I vote during early voting?**

Early voting locations can be found here <https://www.sos.ky.gov/elections/Pages/Polling-Locations.aspx>

**18. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required for early voting? Can I vote without providing identification?**

See [Question 36](#) below. The same requirements as voting on November 3.



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## HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE AND/OR VOTE BY MAIL

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### **19. AUTOMATIC: Do I have to request an absentee ballot or will my state mail me one automatically? How do I request one?**

Voters need to request an Absentee ballot. Voters are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to help ensure their ballot arrives in a timely manner.

An online portal to request your absentee ballot is available here:  
<https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/abrweb/> .

Voters may also request an absentee ballot by phone or in-person at their county clerk's office.

Medical emergency absentee ballots requested pursuant to KRS 117.077 can continue to be submitted from October 10<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup> via traditional means.

**IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE IN PERSON, DO NOT REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT:**  
According to Section 23 of the emergency regulations for this election, "Once a voter has requested a mail-in absentee ballot, the voter cannot vote in person unless the voter does not receive their requested ballot by October 28, 2020."

### **20. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot?**

The deadline to apply online for an Absentee ballot is October 9, 2020 no later than 11:59 p.m. EST.

The deadline to request a ballot by mail is (received by) Friday, October 9, 2020.

See question 22 regarding the possibility of a Medical Emergency Ballot pursuant to KRS 117.077 which may be requested up until November 3.

### **21. APPLICATION RETURN: Where and/or how can I return my absentee ballot application? Can someone return it for me?**

Absentee ballots can be mailed or returned in a designated drop box.

Mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 3, and received by Nov. 6.

A voter may deliver an absentee ballot to the office of the County Clerk in the county where the voter is registered, or to a secure drop-off location if one is maintained by the County Clerk in the county where the voter is registered, rather than mailing the ballot via the United States Postal Service. Drop boxes will be available for Kentuckians to return their mail ballots if they are concerned about postal delays. County clerks will determine these locations.

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Any person wishing to assist someone in voting or returning their absentee ballot must fill out a Voter Assistance Form,<sup>xvii</sup> available here:

<https://elect.ky.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/Voter%20Information/military/SBE%2031.pdf>

The person assisting the voter cannot be an election officer, the voter's employer, an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

**22. DIDN'T REQUEST IN TIME: What if I have not requested an absentee ballot by the deadline?**

You can vote in person, either on Election Day or during the Early Voting hours before the election.

Consider whether a Medical Emergency Application for an Absentee Ballot pursuant to KRS 117.077 is appropriate. In the case of medical emergencies within fourteen days or less of an election, a registered voter and the registered voter's spouse may apply for an absentee ballot by requesting Form SBE 45, Medical Emergency Application for an Absentee Ballot from the county clerk's office. The application shall be notarized. The application form may be requested by and delivered by the voter or the spouse, parents, or children of the voter. If the voter has no spouse, parents, or children, the application form may be requested by and delivered by the brother, sister, niece, nephew, or designee of the voter.

**23. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a specific reason for requesting to vote by absentee ballot?**

You are qualified to vote absentee due to one of the following reasons:

1. Person who due to age, disability or illness will be unable to go to the polls on election day, (or concern about contracting or spreading COVID-19)\*.
2. Student who temporarily resides outside the county in which he is registered.
3. Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but who is still eligible to vote in the state.
4. Person who is incarcerated and has been charged with a crime but has yet to be convicted.
5. Person whose employment location requires him to be absent from the county all hours and all days absentee voting by machine is conducted.
6. Military personnel confined to a military base on election day.
7. Person who is participant in the Office of the Secretary of State's address confidentiality program.

\* Shall be interpreted to mean "Of an age, or possessing of a health condition or vulnerability, or potentially in contact with a person of an age, or possessing of a health condition or vulnerability, that the voter believes subjects the voter or other person to unacceptable risk of harm from contracting or transmitting the novel coronavirus." (31 KAR 4.192E(2)(1))

**24. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT: How can I check the status of my application and/or absentee ballot?**

Check your absentee ballot status here <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/vic/> . You can also contact your country clerk.

**25. APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?**

If there is still time to file for an absentee ballot you try to can complete another application. Otherwise you can vote in person.

If a voter's absentee ballot is rejected, they should receive a letter from their county clerk with instructions on how to cure the deficiency. If the voter provided their phone number or email, clerks may contact the voter through those methods, though they are not required to do so.<sup>xviii</sup>

**26. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the absentee ballot? Are there any identification requirements?**

Instructions for completing an absentee ballot are available here:

<https://elect.ky.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/Voter%20Information/military/SBE%2048A%20Instructions%20to%20Voters%20Voting%20a%20Mail-in%20Absentee%20Ballot.pdf>

If the voter requested the absentee ballot through the online portal, the absentee ballot should be linked to their DMV record and there is no need to provide identification. Other voters will have to complete an oath of voter form on the online portal.

**27. LOST OR SPOILED: What if I lost my absentee ballot or it is spoiled or I received an incorrect one?**

Contact your county clerk as soon as possible.

**28. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT: What if I requested an absentee ballot but have not received it? Can I do anything?**

If you requested an absentee ballot and have not received it by October 28, you may then vote in person at a polling location in your precinct/county, either early or on the day of the election.

**29. IN PERSON OPTION: What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?**

If you requested an absentee ballot and have not received it by October 28, you may then vote in person at a polling location in your precinct/county, either early or on the day of the election.

**30. BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline for the ballot to be postmarked and/or received by, including dropping it off in person?**

Absentee ballots can be mailed or returned in a designated drop box. Check with your local clerk to determine locations and times for drop box return.

Mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 3, and received by Nov. 6.

Drop boxes will be available for Kentuckians to return their mail ballots if they are concerned about postal delays. County clerks will determine these locations.

**31. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: What are the locations for dropping off a completed ballot (instead of mailing it)?**

Drop boxes will be available for Kentuckians to return their mail ballots if they are concerned about postal delays. County clerks will determine these locations.

**32. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF: Can someone drop off my completed ballot for me?**

Nothing indicates that someone else cannot drop off your ballot in the drop-box.

**33. IN PERSON ABSENTEE: Where do I vote in-person absentee?**

See questions [14 - 18](#).

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## HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

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**34. HOURS: When do the polls open and close on Election Day? What if the polls are closing but I'm in line?**

For the November 3, 2020 general election, in-person voting on Election Day may be severely limited. Counties will have limited polling locations and will have at least one vote center available for everyone in the county wishing to vote in-person on Election Day. Voters are encouraged to contact their local clerk to inquire about in-person voting options on Election Day.

The polling place is required to be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (local time) on Election Day.<sup>xix</sup> If you are a hotline volunteer or a field volunteer and a polling place is not open at 6:00 a.m., advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain/command center. A voter in line at the polling place at 6:00 p.m. must be allowed to vote.<sup>xx</sup> If you are a hotline volunteer or a field volunteer and a polling place prohibits those who were in line before 6:00 pm from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain/command center. Voters who arrive to the polling place after 6:00 p.m. will not be allowed to vote.

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**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn that a polling place prohibits those who were in line by the time the polls closed from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain immediately.

### 35. POLLING LOCATION: Where do I vote on Election Day?

Voters can check local hours and locations for in-person absentee voting and Election Day voting here: <https://www.sos.ky.gov/elections/Pages/Polling-Locations.aspx>

If a voter has moved recently and has not updated their voter registration, refer to [Questions #6 and 7](#).

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many polling places have been moved or consolidated. Voters should be advised to check the polling place listed on the Voter Notification Card they received from the local election authority a few days before the election or consult the link above. There is a **very** strong possibility the polling location that they usually vote at it will be closed on Election Day.

### 36. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required to vote on Election Day? Can I vote without providing identification?

To vote a regular ballot, a Kentucky voter must be able to provide photo identification at the polling place unless an election officer can confirm your identity by personal acquaintance.<sup>xxi</sup>

Proof of identification is limited to a document issued by:

- The US or Kentucky government that contains the voter's name and photograph.
- The US Department of Defense, a branch of the uniformed services, the Merchant Marines, or the Kentucky National Guard that contains the voter's name and photograph.
- A public or private college, university, or postgraduate technical or professional school located in the US that contains the voter's name and photograph.
- Any city, county, urban-county, charter county, consolidated or local government located in Kentucky that contains the voter's name and photograph.<sup>xxii</sup>

Voters who cannot obtain an acceptable photo ID need to sign a "Reasonable Impediment Declaration" (stating reason for inability to obtain photo ID – see below) and present one of the following non-photo IDs:

- Social Security Card
- Any ID issued by a county in KY that's been approved by the State Board of Elections and shows voter's name
- Any ID card with both the voter's photo and name
- Any food stamp ID card, EBT card, or SNAP card issued by Kentucky
- A credit or debit card with the name of the voter

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The voter also must sign an affirmation stating the voter has one of the following reasonable impediments to obtaining an acceptable photo ID:

- Lack of transportation
- Lack of birth certificate or other underlying documentation needed to obtain acceptable photo ID
- Work schedule
- Lost or stolen ID
- Disability or illness
- Family responsibilities
- The ID has been applied for but not yet received
- Religious objection to being photographed
- **For the November 3, 2020 general election, Kentuckians who were unable to get a driver's license or photo ID due to the pandemic because their clerk's office was closed, or because they were afraid of exposing themselves to COVID-19, can sign a document explaining this concern and cast their ballot.**

A voter who presents both the above non-photo ID and affirmation listing one of the above reasonable impediments can vote a regular ballot. A voter who cannot meet one or both of the above conditions may sign an affirmation swearing to their citizenship, eligibility to vote, name, date of birth, and address and vote a provisional ballot. That ballot will be counted if the voter provides the county clerk with one of the non-photo IDs listed above and signs the reasonable impediment affirmation by the close of business on the Friday following the election.

Voters can obtain a free state-issued ID card. To do so visit your local Circuit Clerk's office or one of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's regional offices.

Any voter who does not have proper identification can vote by provisional ballot but this is a last resort.<sup>xxiii</sup> If the voter has an acceptable ID, it is preferable for the voter to return home and obtain the ID.

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## POLLING PLACE ISSUES

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### **37. POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN: The polling place is not open. What do I do?**

Contact your county clerk.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of a polling place not opening on time or is closed, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**38. LONG LINES: There are long lines at the polling place. What do I do? What if the polls are closing while I'm in line?**

See Question 34 for answer if voter is in line when polls are closing.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of long lines, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**39. EQUIPMENT FAILURE: What should I do if there are equipment problems at my precinct?**

Voters should immediately notify the election officers if the voting equipment breaks down. If a voting machine breaks, the county clerk is required to provide a backup voting machine or supplemental paper ballots for use at the precinct and a ballot box in which to deposit the voted ballots. At the close of voting, the ballots will be counted at the precinct or a central counting center and added to the votes cast by the broken machine. The total of these votes will be certified as the result of the election in that precinct.<sup>xxiv</sup>

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of equipment not working properly at a polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**40. NO PPE/COVID: What if my polling place is not enforcing COVID-19 precautions or has run out of supplies?**

First, speak to the poll manager. If the poll manager is unable or unwilling to resolve the issue, contact your county clerk.

**41. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE: I don't know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?**

If you request help, you should receive instruction cards and a model on how to use the voting machine from polling officials. Except for those voters who have been certified as requiring assistance on a permanent basis, no voter will be permitted to receive any assistance (beyond the instruction card) in voting at the polls unless he or she makes and signs an oath that, because of blindness, other physical disability, or an inability to read English, he or she is unable to vote without assistance. The oath will be on a voter assistance form prescribed by the State Board of Elections. Any person assisting a voter must complete the voter assistance form.<sup>xxv</sup>

**42. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: I have a physical disability and need assistance. Will my polling place be accessible?**

Yes. Each polling place must be accessible to persons with disabilities. Each county board of elections is supposed to designate voting places that are accessible to all eligible voters, including those with physical limitations and the elderly.<sup>xxvi</sup>



**43. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: I am blind, have a physical disability, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?**

Yes. Any voter who needs assistance voting is entitled to have some person of his or her choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union, mark the voter's choices or assist the voter in marking his or her choices on the ballot.<sup>xxvii</sup>

**44. CURBSIDE VOTING: When can I request curbside voting?**

See question 42 above. Some polling locations may offer curbside voting as an accommodation. Contact your county clerk to confirm.

**45. CAMPAIGNING: What rules apply to people campaigning or "hanging around" my polling place? Can people approach me?**

People are not allowed to campaign at a polling place on Election Day or within 100 feet of any entrance to a building in which a voting machine is located if that entrance is unlocked and is used by voters on Election Day.<sup>xxviii</sup> Also, people are not allowed to campaign within the county clerk's office (or the relevant polling place) or to post campaign materials within or upon the exterior of a polling place during the hours absentee voting is taking place.<sup>xxix</sup>

People are not allowed to discuss their support or nonsupport of any candidate, party, or issue to be voted on while in any room in which voting, including absentee voting, is taking place (except in where the voters require assistance as discussed in Questions 41, 42 and 43).<sup>xxx</sup>

**46. CHALLENGES: Someone is formally challenging my vote. What do I do?**

If someone is formally challenging your right to vote, you must sign a written oath as to your qualifications before you are permitted to vote. The oath must be in the form provided by the State Board of Elections and 20 printed copies must be included in the election supplies of each precinct.<sup>xxxi</sup>

A challenger appointed and certified as provided in KRS 117.315 shall not:

- (1) Electioneer or campaign on behalf of any candidate, issue, or political party;
- (2) Handle official election materials except as provided in KRS 117.187;
- (3) Attempt to intimidate or harass, verbally or otherwise, any voter who is being challenged or any precinct election officer;
- (4) Behave in any manner to disrupt activities at the polling place; or
- (5) Attempt to interfere with the proper conduct of the election.<sup>xxxii</sup>

**47. POLICE/MILITARY PRESENCE: There are police/members of the military at the polling place. Is this okay? What do I do?**

Police may patrol voting precincts in the county during the hours the polls are open on the day of any primary or regular or special election for the purpose of maintaining order and enforcing the election laws of the state. The Department of Kentucky State Police shall investigate any reported violations of the election laws. Candidates may petition any of the aforementioned officers or bodies to request State Police patrols of county voting precincts.<sup>xxxiii</sup>

If you see members of the military or if police are checking IDs or engaging in other behavior that makes you feel uncomfortable, report it to the precinct manager or the county clerk immediately.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of police/members of the military at the polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**48. PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?**

Inquire why a provisional ballot was offered. A voter should be offered a provisional ballot only when<sup>xxxiv</sup>

- A voter's name is not on the precinct roster and his or her registration status cannot be verified;
- A voter's name is not on the precinct roster and he or she has been verified as ineligible to vote;
- A voter does not have an identification;\*
- A voter is voting as a result of a federal or state court order or any order under state law in effect 10 days prior to Election Day that extends polling hours; or
- All four precinct election officers challenge a voter.

Other than for these reasons, the voter should be able to cast a regular ballot. **A provisional ballot should be a last resort.** An individual found eligible to cast a provisional official ballot may do so after signing a provisional ballot precinct signature roster.<sup>xxxv</sup> Upon the voter completing and returning the provisional ballot, a poll worker must provide the voter with an information sheet that explains the voter's right to contact their local county clerk to learn if the provisional ballot was counted, and if not counted, the reason why.<sup>xxxvi</sup> If a voter makes a mistake or "spoils" his or her provisional ballot before casting it, he or she has the right to receive up to two (2) replacement provisional ballots (a total of three (3) including the initial provisional ballot).<sup>xxxvii</sup>

**\*NOTE:** If a voter does not have identification because they had trouble obtaining one due to COVID-19, that voter may complete a voter affirmation and be able to vote a regular ballot.

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## QUESTIONS

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### 49. Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?

If you have any questions about voting, please contact the Kentucky State Board of Elections at 502-573-7100

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- i 31 Ky. Admin. Reg. 3:040.
  - ii Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.045(2).
  - iii See Election Calendars & Schedules at <https://elect.ky.gov/Resources/Pages/Election-Calendar.aspx>.
  - iv Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.0452.
  - v <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/same-day-registration.aspx>.
  - vi Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.025 (West).
  - vii Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.085.
  - viii Ky. Rev. Stat. §§ 117.227; 116.085.
  - ix Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.025(5).
  - x [Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 117.085 \(West\)](#); 116.025(7);  
<https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Absentee-Voting.aspx>.
  - xi Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.035.
  - xii <http://apps.sos.ky.gov/Executive/Journal/execjournalimages/2020-MISC-2019-0003-265162.pdf>.
  - xiii Ky. Const. § 145.
  - xiv 31 Ky. Admin. Reg. 6:020.
  - xv Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 116.0452; 116.112; 116.113.
  - xvi Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 116.112.
  - xvii Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 117.0863
  - xviii 31 KAR 4.192E(16)
  - xix Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 118.035(1).
  
  - xx Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 118.035(1).
  - xxi Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 117.227; 117.228.
  - xxii Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 117.375(12).

- xxiii 31 Ky. Admin. Reg. 6:020.
- xxiv Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.215.
- xxv Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 117.255(1), (2).
- xxvi Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 117.065; <https://www.ada.gov/votingchecklist.pdf>.
- xxvii Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 117.255(3).
- xxviii Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.235(3).
- xxix Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.235(3).
- xxx Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.235(4).
- xxxi Ky. Rev. Stat. §§ 117.245(2); 117.316.
- xxxii Ky. Rev. Stat. §§ 117.317.
- xxxiii Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.237.
- xxxiv 31 Ky. Admin. Regs. 6:020.
- xxxv 31 Ky. Admin. Regs. 6:020. Section 4 (1).
- xxxvi 31 Ky. Admin. Regs. 6:020. Section 4 (10).
- xxxvii 31 Ky. Admin. Regs. 6:020. Section 4 (7).