Kentucky 2027 Election Deadlines: Primary and General

Filing, registration, absentee and early voting dates, in date order

General election Tue., Nov. 2



DATE	DAYS BEFORE GENERAL ELECTION	PRIMARY (MAY 18)	GENERAL (NOV. 2)	DONE
Wed., Nov. 4	**363**	Earliest day to sign candidate filing forms		☐
Thu., Dec. 31	**306**	Last day to change party and vote in its primary		☐
Fri., Jan. 8	**298**	Candidate filing deadline, 4:00 PM		☐
Thu., Apr. 1	**215**	Independent and organization candidacy statement, 4:00 PM		☐
Sat., Apr. 3	**213**	Mail-in absentee request portal opens		☐
Mon., Apr. 19	**197**	Last day to register; online by 4:00 PM local time		☐
Tue., Apr. 20	**196**	Books close to May 24; mailed form postmarked 4/20 counts		☐
Tue., May 4	**182**	Mail-in absentee portal closes, 11:59 PM		☐
Wed., May 5	**181**	Excused in-person absentee: May 5, 6, 7 and May 10, 11, 12		☐
Tue., May 11	**175**	Military-overseas application deadline		☐
Thu., May 13	**173**	No-excuse in-person early voting, through Sat., May 15		☐
Tue., May 18	**168**	Primary Election Day, polls 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.		☐
Sat., Sept. 18	**45**		Mail-in absentee request portal opens	☐
Mon., Oct. 4	**29**		Last day to register; mailed form postmarked 10/5	☐
Tue., Oct. 5	**28**		Registration books close, through Nov. 8	☐
Tue., Oct. 19	**14**		Mail-in absentee portal closes, 11:59 PM	☐
Wed., Oct. 20	**13**		Excused in-person absentee: Oct. 20, 21, 22 and Oct. 25, 26, 27	☐
Tue., Oct. 26	**7**		Military-overseas application deadline	☐
Thu., Oct. 28	**5**		No-excuse in-person early voting, through Sat., Oct. 30	☐
Tue., Nov. 2	**0**		General Election Day, polls 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	☐

Source: Kentucky State Board of Elections, 2027 Kentucky Election Calendar, read Nov. 4, 2026. Times are as printed by the board; polls use prevailing (local) time, Eastern or Central.