



Kentucky County Clerks Association

HB 574 FROM 2021 SESSION

AUGUST 24, 2021



Sponsors of HB 574 & Vote History

Bill Sponsors

- ❖ Representative Decker
- ❖ Representative Branscum
- ❖ Representative Imes
- ❖ Representative King
- ❖ Representative Sheldon
- ❖ Representative Tipton

Vote History

- ❖ House 91 Yeas
- ❖ 3 Nays-6 Not Voting/Absent
- ❖ Senate 33 Yeas
- ❖ 3 Nays-2 Not Voting/Absent

Governor Beshear signed it into law

Major Highlights of HB 574

- ❖ 3 Days of Early Voting Thursday/Friday/Saturday prior to the Election
- ❖ Portal to request Mail Absentee Ballot remains in place
 - ❖ Reasons return to Pre-Pandemic rules
 - ❖ Out of County on Election Day
 - ❖ Due to age, disability or illness
 - ❖ Female in 3rd Trimester of Pregnancy
 - ❖ Student who temporarily resides outside of their county
 - ❖ Person who is incarcerated in jail but still has voting rights/charged but not convicted
 - ❖ Precinct Election Officers/County Board of Election Members
 - ❖ Absentee Portal Closes 14 days before Election Day to allow for mailing/return of ballot
 - ❖ Absentee Ballot can be mailed back or use the secured dropbox
 - ❖ Barcode scanning of absentee mail ballots will be used
- ❖ Vote Centers are permitted

What are Vote Centers?

- ❖ Voting locations that are not precinct specific!
- ❖ Two types of Vote Centers
 - ❖ Not narrowed down to precinct specific but serves an larger area of the county with multiple ballot faces
 - ❖ Vote Centers by Magistrial District
 - ❖ Vote Centers by Senate/House District
 - ❖ Vote Centers by Geographical Location
 - ❖ County Wide Vote Center-Any voter can vote at the location because all ballot faces are available
- ❖ Benefit is more voters with less Precinct Election Officers!

What is Early Voting?

- ❖ No excuse Early Voting must be offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Election Day
- ❖ County Board of Elections must create an Election Plan and submit this plan to the State Board of Elections
- ❖ Early Voting may be a specified vote center, precinct location, or county wide vote center
- ❖ Number of hours is determined in the plan submitted by the County Board of Election and must be advertised
- ❖ County Board of Elections shall have the authority to designate as voting places, without cost to the board/county, buildings constructed in whole or in part with tax revenues. KRS 117.065
- ❖ Early Voting Locations must meet ADA compliance just like Election Day voting!

Clean up Legislation

- ❖ In Person Absentee Voting
- ❖ Precinct Ballots/Reporting for Election Day-Low the cost savings
- ❖ Outline the number of hours for Early Voting so it is consistent statewide!



Questions?