

CHAPTER 1**(HB 172)**

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

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

➔Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for the 2022 primary and for no other election, the filing deadline for candidates under KRS 83A.045, 118.125, 118.165, and 118A.060 shall be January 25, 2022. All nomination papers shall be filed no later than 4 p.m. local time on the last date on which the papers may be filed.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective for the 2022 primary and for no other election, the time of the drawing for ballot positions and the certification of candidates shall be suspended and shall be held at a time determined by the Secretary of State or the county clerk, as appropriate, following the filing deadline established under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Any other necessary election deadlines for the 2022 primary and for no other election, excluding the date of the primary under KRS 118.025, shall be established by the Secretary of State or county clerk, as appropriate.

➔Section 2. Whereas it is necessary for the 2022 filing deadline for the 2022 primary to be extended and for other applicable election deadlines to be determined by the Secretary of State or county clerk, as appropriate, pending the passage of redistricting legislation by the General Assembly, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor January 6, 2022.