

QUICK REVIEW



Register

18 years old

County Clerk's Office/Website

Get involved

Any local election

Direct vote

Presidential Election

Once every 4 years

Direct votes tabulated

Electoral College votes

BE HEARD!

VOTE

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Use Your Voice

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Election Guides: <http://vote.ky.gov/electguide/>

Voting Vocabulary <http://vote.ky.gov/electguide/glossary.htm>

County Clerk: <http://elect.ky.gov/register tovote/Pages/default.aspx>

Boss Tweed http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/database/article_display.cfm?HHID=211
2012 elections <http://politicalhumor.about.com/od/2012-Election/ig/2012-Election-Cartoons/Best-Selling-Republican-Buttons.htm>
Tweed photo http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/2008/Electoral_College http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_4u9lzZ9sqJk/SVWH_AbvibI/AAAAAAAAABF0/onct_CqBo4s/s400/electoral.college.map.2008.2012.gif&imgrefurl=http://frontloading.blogspot.com/2008/11/projected-2012-electoral-college-

You have the right...to express
your opinion!

The Voting Process

Civic Participation



One voice. Be heard. Act NOW!

STATE ELECTIONS

18 years-old

Anyone age 18 older can register to vote and become a civic participant. To begin the process you must contact the County Clerks of- fice either online or in person.

Completing your voters registration card will require your *social security number, address and political party preference*.

The state of Kentucky requests that you name the political party you affiliate with. This is to prevent people from trying to throw off elec- tions during primary/caucus campaigns.

Democrat

Republican

Other: Constitution, Socialist Work- ers, Independent, Green, libertarian, Reform, etc.

Primary/Caucus is the election that narrows down candidates. It takes place before the general/specific election.

Allow 2-3 weeks for processing

Getting close to a deadline...check it out <http://elect.ky.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/Election%20Calendars/2012%20Election%20Calendar.pdf>

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Once you have registered to vote, you are registered for life! Unless you move to a new state, upon which you would register again to follow that particular states guidelines.



Representative of ALL the people

Every 4 Years

Presidential elections are held every four years. You will visit your voters precinct just like a local election and cast your vote. Then your vote will be tabulated and a representative (or 8!) will travel to Washington D.C. to vote in the **Electoral College Vote**. Each state gets a number of Electoral College votes based on the state's populations. Kentucky get's 8



Obama: 362 McCain: 176

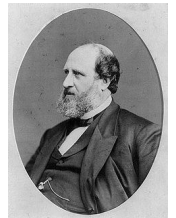
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votes. Once the presidential candidate reaches 270 votes or more from the Electoral College, they be- come President



2012 Shaping up to be an interesting election

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



The importance of voting is be- cause it is a Constitutional RIGHT! We live in a **democracy**, which requires the voice of the people to govern themselves. This is a power that not every person in the world has, yet sometimes we forget to make our voice heard.

In the 1860s a Politician named Boss Tweed took advantage of people in order to use their voice for his political power. He bribed people to vote for them giving them jobs, food and other items so that he could run New York as he saw fit.. Because of him and several other "dirty politicians" we have secret ballots and voting regulations at both state and fed- eral levels today.