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To: All State KSIS Contacts
Subject: KSIS Notification: Update to KRS 158.070 Affecting School Polling Places

KSIS Points of Contact – please see information below that was shared with DPPs yesterday.

From: Devine, Ronda - Division of District Support
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:43 AM
Subject: Update to KRS 158.070 Affecting School Poling Places

Good Morning,

During the legislative session this year, House Bill 684 (2025) passed and it amends KRS 158.070. This amendment impacts schools where elections are held.

A copy of House Bill 684 can be found here:

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/25RS/hb684/bill.pdf>. See Section 24 on page 55 regarding the amendment to KRS 158.070 and see also Section 2 on page 6 regarding an amendment to KRS 117.065. House Bill 684 will go into effect on June 27, 2025. A copy of KRS 158.070 that will be effective on June 27, 2025, can be found here:

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/LAW/STATUTES/statute.aspx?id=56511>. A copy of KRS 117.065 that will be effective on June 27, 2025, can be found here:
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56442>.

KRS 117.065 was amended to add subsection (3) which states:

The county board of elections shall notify a local board of education that it intends to designate one (1) or more school buildings as voting places no later than December 1 prior to the election. The county board of elections shall specify which school buildings will be used and the expected dates and times of use.

KRS 158.070(5)(b) was amended to state:

If any school in a district is used as a voting place pursuant to KRS 117.065, the school district **may** be closed on the days of the election, and those days **may** be used for professional development activities, professional meetings, or parent-teacher conferences.

This change from “shall” to “may” means if a school building is used as a voting place, the school district may close, but it is not required to do so. However, as reflected in KSBA policy 08.3, [KRS 2.190](#) provides that all schools shall be closed for a Presidential election.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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