

VOTING

Increase voter turnout, reduce election costs

OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS CLIMATE

The NKY Chamber commends the Kentucky Secretary of State, Kentucky General Assembly, and our local County Clerks for their efforts to make significant election reforms in recent years, providing Kentuckians with greater voting services while protecting the integrity of election results.

These reforms have addressed a variety of issues, including expanded in-person early voting, voter services portal, ballot signature cure process, county-wide voting centers, enhanced ability to remove nonresidents from voter rolls, and a ban on ballot harvesting.

After the success of the 2020 through 2024 Primary and General elections, the Kentucky legislature needs to continue exploring opportunities to expand accessibility for voting, while enabling local jurisdictions to save taxpayer money to increase election efficiency and, in turn, to increase voter turnout in Northern Kentucky. These are the nuts and bolts of democracy in the Commonwealth.

APPROACH TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

- Build on the fruits of prior legislative sessions where lawmakers adopted significant reforms of Kentucky's election system.
- Amend the Kentucky Constitution to align statewide constitutional office elections with Presidential or midterm election years.

WHY DOES IT MATTER TO MY BUSINESS

A consistent and robust voter turnout in Northern Kentucky will garner greater recognition for the NKY Metro region and support from Frankfort and Washington, DC.

As our region increases voter turnout and engagement, NKY's collective voice will be strengthened within the Commonwealth.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO DO

- Support legislation to amend the Kentucky constitution to align statewide constitutional office elections to Presidential or midterm election years.
- Continue efforts to assure Kentuckians that our elections are secure to encourage greater involvement in the overall political process.