



## Expanding Voting Rights: Every Community Should Have a Voice

Andy Beshear and Jacqueline Coleman believe that Frankfort needs to be more reflective of Kentucky communities. But right now, it's too hard to vote in Kentucky and it's leaving too many people out of the process. That's unacceptable. We need to take concrete steps to make it easier for Kentuckians to vote. We also have a moral responsibility to protect and expand the right to vote—for everyone. As attorney general, Andy launched a specialized unit to champion every Kentuckian's ability to make their voices heard at the ballot box.

Here are the following policy priorities of a Beshear/Coleman Administration to expand voting rights and make sure every community is included in our democratic process:

**Automatic Voter Registration:** We should implement automatic voter registration. Kentucky law mandates that people need to proactively register to vote at least 28 days before an election. Kentuckians often miss these arbitrary deadlines and can't participate just because they've been busy in their everyday lives. To reverse that, eligible citizens should automatically be added to the voter rolls when they turn 18 and when they visit a government agency like the DMV, unless they opt-out.

**Early Voting & Flexible Absentee Voting:** We should allow Kentuckians to cast their vote early for the month leading up to Election Day. Kentuckians should also have the option of no-excuse absentee voting.

**More Time to Register:** Eligible voters should be allowed to register up to one week before an election.

**Polls Stay Open Longer:** Under the current system, polls are only open for 12 hours on election days. That keeps too many workers out of the process. Let's extend the time polls close on election day from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Many parents are busy in the mornings and then go to work at one or two jobs. Voting should work for your family's schedule, not the other way around.

**Restoring Nonviolent Felon Voting Rights:** As governor, Andy Beshear will sign an executive order that automatically restores voting rights for Kentuckians who completed their sentences after being convicted of a nonviolent felony.

**Registration Fees for Super PACs:** We should charge a fee for Super PACs registering in Kentucky. If special interests are going to come in and try to buy an election, the least we can do is ask them to help cover the cost of voting.