

Monthly Columns

by Attorney General Jack Conway



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With the general election just days away, I want Kentucky voters to know that my office will do all it can to ensure a fair and honest election. My investigators, attorneys and support staff work tirelessly each Election Day patrolling precincts and polling places, staffing our Election Fraud Hotline and processing and reviewing complaints.

My staff and I have also worked closely with Secretary of State Elaine Walker and representatives from Kentucky State Police, the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and the Kentucky Board of Elections as part of the Kentucky Election Integrity Task Force to prevent and investigate allegations of vote fraud.

It is the statutory duty of the Office of the Attorney General to administer programs to observe the conduct of elections. This includes maintaining our Election Fraud Hotline to receive reports of possible election law violations, investigating any such violations, taking appropriate enforcement action and conducting post-election audits of randomly selected counties in Kentucky.

On Election Day, my investigators will be on the ground in precincts across Kentucky monitoring polling places and responding immediately to complaints.

In addition to our enforcement and investigative efforts, we also ask Kentucky voters to serve as our eyes and ears on Election Day to report any irregularities. If you witness any suspicious activity or notice any voting irregularities, please call my Election Fraud Hotline at **1-800-328-VOTE (8683)** to register a complaint. The hotline will be staffed from 6 a.m. EST to 7 p.m. EST on Election Day and is available throughout the year during normal business hours.

During the 2011 primary election, the hotline received six calls from six counties. During the general election of 2007, when the same offices were on the ballot, the hotline received 38 calls from 14 counties.

I am proud of the work we're doing to protect the integrity of Kentucky's elections. In fact, we've made a significant dent in election fraud during my tenure as Attorney General. Each year, we have fewer reports of suspected fraud. Be assured, each report is thoroughly reviewed. Any complaints that appear to be criminal in nature will be directed to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

Working together, we can ensure Kentuckians in every corner of the Commonwealth have their voices heard when they cast their ballots on November 8.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jack Conway', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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