

1 AN ACT relating to voter identification and making an appropriation therefor.

2 WHEREAS, it is critically important to protect the integrity and reliability of the
3 electoral process in order to ensure that there is proper detection and deterrence of voter
4 fraud and to safeguard the fundamental right to vote; and

5 WHEREAS, it is a reasonable legislative task to seek improvement and
6 modernization of election procedures, boost public confidence in the electoral process,
7 and maintain our system of governance; and

8 WHEREAS, the members of this honorable body seek to preserve the
9 Commonwealth's election integrity, honor within the democratic process and the right to
10 vote, minimize the burdensome obligation that comes with any uncertainty in election
11 results, and guarantee that the election results are final and complete;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

14 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 117 IS CREATED TO
15 READ AS FOLLOWS:

16 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, on the day of a primary, an
17 election, or during in-person absentee voting, if a voter is unable to provide proof
18 of identification as required under Section 15 of this Act, and as defined under
19 Section 23 of this Act, a voter may cast a ballot if the individual:

20 (a) Is eligible to vote under KRS 116.025;

21 (b) Is entitled to vote in that precinct; and

22 (c) In the presence of the election officer, executes a voter's affirmation, on a
23 form prescribed and furnished by the State Board of Elections pursuant to
24 administrative regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A,
25 affirming:

26 1. The voter is a citizen of the United States;

27 2. The voter's date of birth to the best of the voter's knowledge and

1 belief;

2 3. The voter is qualified to vote in this precinct under KRS 116.025;

3 4. The voter's name, and that the voter is generally known by that name,
4 or the name is as stated on his or her voter registration card;

5 5. The voter has not voted and will not vote in any other precinct;

6 6. The voter's current residential address, including the street address
7 number and, if different from the voter's current address, the voter's
8 residential address prior to the close of the registration books under
9 KRS 116.045, and the date the voter moved;

10 7. The voter understands that making a false statement on the
11 affirmation is punishable under penalties of perjury; and

12 8. The voter has one (1) of the following impediments to procure proof of
13 identification as defined in Section 23 of this Act:

14 a. Lack of transportation;

15 b. Inability to obtain his or her birth certificate or other documents
16 needed to show proof of identification;

17 c. Work schedule;

18 d. Lost or stolen identification;

19 e. Disability or illness;

20 f. Family responsibilities;

21 g. The proof of identification has been applied for, but not yet
22 received; or

23 h. The voter has a religious objection to being photographed.

24 (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, to cast a ballot,
25 the voter who is unable to provide proof of identification shall provide to an
26 election officer:

27 (a) The voter's Social Security Card;

- 1 (b) Any identification card issued by a county in this state which has the name
2 of the voter stated and has been approved in writing by the State Board of
3 Elections pursuant to administrative regulations promulgated under KRS
4 Chapter 13A;
5 (c) Any identification card with the voter's photograph and the name of the
6 voter stated;
7 (d) Any food stamp identification card, electronic benefit transfer card, or
8 supplemental nutrition assistance card, that is issued by this state and has
9 the name of the voter stated; or
10 (e) A credit or debit card with the name of the voter stated.
11 (3) After the election officer obtains the affirmation from the voter required by
12 subsection (1) of this section, and after the voter provides the documents under
13 subsection (2) of this section, the voter shall sign the precinct signature roster
14 and shall proceed to cast his or her vote in a ballot completion area.
15 (4) If the voter is personally known to the election officer, the election officer may
16 execute an election officer affirmation, on a form prescribed and furnished by the
17 State Board of Elections pursuant to administrative regulations promulgated
18 under KRS Chapter 13A, affirming the voter's identification as being personally
19 known to him or her. Once the affirmation is executed by the election officer, the
20 voter shall sign the precinct signature roster and shall proceed to cast his or her
21 vote in a ballot completion area. For purposes of this subsection, "personally
22 known" means that the election officer knows the voter's name and that the voter
23 is a resident of the community.
24 (5) The voter affirmation and the election officer affirmations executed under this
25 section shall be processed in the same manner as an oath of voter affidavit as
26 prescribed by subsections (3) and (4) of Section 17 of this Act.

27 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 117 IS CREATED TO

1 READ AS FOLLOWS:

2 *On the day of a primary, an election, or during in-person absentee voting when a*
3 *federal elective office is on the ballot, if a voter is unable to provide proof of*
4 *identification, as required under Section 15 of this Act and as defined under Section 23*
5 *of this Act, or the voter fails to meet the requirements of Section 1 of this Act, the voter*
6 *may cast a provisional ballot for the federal elective office of President, Vice President,*
7 *United States Senator, and United States House of Representative if the individual*
8 *conforms to the provisional voting requirements in accordance with the Help America*
9 *Vote Act of 2002.*

10 ➔Section 3. KRS 116.065 is amended to read as follows:

11 Each application for registration, change of affiliation, transfer of registration, *federal*
12 *provisional ballot*, or absentee ballot *or federal provisional absentee ballot*, as absentee
13 ballots *and federal provisional absentee ballots* are provided for by *KRS 117.077*, KRS
14 117.085, *and Section 2 of this Act* shall be verified by a written declaration by the
15 applicant that it is made under the penalties of perjury.

16 ➔Section 4. KRS 117.066 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) In the case of a precinct comprised of a small number of registered voters, the
18 county board of elections may, pursuant to KRS 117.055, utilize the facilities of
19 another precinct as a voting location. Additionally, the county board of elections
20 may petition the State Board of Elections to allow the precinct election officers of
21 the larger precinct to serve as precinct election officers for the precinct that is the
22 subject of the petition. The petition shall designate both the smaller precinct and the
23 larger precinct with which it is to be included, the type of voting machine or
24 machines to be used, and whether supplemental paper ballots are to be used. The
25 petition shall contain a full explanation of the reasons why inclusion is desirable.

26 (2) If the petition submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section is approved by the
27 State Board of Elections, the election shall be conducted according to the following

1 provisions:

- 2 (a) One voting machine may be utilized for both precincts if the State Board of
3 Elections certifies that separate ballots may be placed upon the voting
4 machine to be used without endangering the integrity of the ballots or without
5 violating any other election law. Otherwise, separate voting machines shall be
6 used for each precinct. In the instance of a precinct which has a small number
7 of voters such that the use of a separate voting machine would be cost-
8 prohibitive, the county clerk may make application to the State Board of
9 Elections to use supplemental paper ballots under KRS 118.215 to conduct the
10 voting for the small precinct on election day. If the use of supplemental paper
11 ballots is approved by the State Board of Elections, at the close of voting on
12 election day, the locked supplemental paper ballot box shall be transported to
13 the county board of elections along with the federal provisional ballot
14 receptacle, and ballots shall be counted by the county board of elections as
15 provided by KRS 117.275(10) to (14)~~[(13)]~~;
- 16 (b) Separate precinct voter rosters shall be maintained for each precinct, and steps
17 shall be taken to insure that voters cast their ballot in their duly authorized
18 precinct; and
- 19 (c) A separate set of elections forms and reports required by this chapter and the
20 State Board of Elections shall be maintained for each precinct.

21 ➔Section 5. KRS 117.085 is amended to read as follows:

- 22 (1) All requests for an application for a mail-in absentee ballot may be transmitted by
23 telephone, facsimile machine, by mail, by electronic mail, or in person. The county
24 clerk shall transmit all applications for a mail-in absentee ballot to the voter by
25 mail, electronic mail, or in person at the option of the voter, except as provided in
26 paragraph (b) of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in KRS 117.077, the
27 mail-in absentee ballot application may be requested by the voter or the spouse,

1 parents, or children of the voter, but shall be restricted to the use of the voter.

2 (a) **Except as otherwise provided in KRS 117.077,** a qualified voter may apply to
3 cast his or her vote by mail-in absentee ballot if the completed application is
4 received not later than the close of business hours seven (7) days before the
5 election, and if the voter is:

- 6 1. A resident of Kentucky who is a covered voter as defined in KRS
7 117A.010;
- 8 2. A student who temporarily resides outside the county of his or her
9 residence;
- 10 3. Incarcerated in jail and charged with a crime, but has not been convicted
11 of the crime;
- 12 4. Changing or has changed his or her place of residence to a different state
13 while the registration books are closed in the new state of residence
14 before an election of electors for President and Vice President of the
15 United States, in which case the voter shall be permitted to cast a mail-in
16 absentee ballot for electors for President and Vice President of the
17 United States only;
- 18 5. Temporarily residing outside the state but still eligible to vote in this
19 state;
- 20 6. Prevented from voting in person at the polls on election day and from
21 casting an in-person absentee ballot in the county clerk's office on all
22 days in-person absentee voting is conducted because his or her
23 employment location requires him or her to be absent from the county of
24 his or her residence all hours and all days in-person absentee voting is
25 conducted in the county clerk's office;
- 26 7. A participant in the Secretary of State's crime victim address
27 confidentiality protection program as authorized by KRS 14.312; or

- 1 8. Not able to appear at the polls on election day on the account of age,
2 disability, or illness, and who has not been declared mentally disabled by
3 a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 4 (b) Residents of Kentucky who are covered voters as defined in KRS 117A.010
5 may apply for a mail-in absentee ballot by means of the federal post-card
6 application, which may be transmitted to the county clerk's office by mail, by
7 facsimile machine, or by means of the electronic transmission system
8 established under KRS 117A.030(4). The federal post-card application may be
9 used to register, reregister, and to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot. If the
10 federal post-card application is received at any time not less than seven (7)
11 days before the election, the county clerk shall affix his or her seal to the
12 application form upon receipt.
- 13 (c) In-person absentee voting shall be conducted in the county clerk's office or
14 other place designated by the county board of elections and approved by the
15 State Board of Elections during normal business hours for at least the twelve
16 (12) working days before the election. A county board of elections may permit
17 in-person absentee voting to be conducted on a voting machine for a period
18 longer than the twelve (12) working days before the election.
- 19 (d) A qualified voter may, at any time during normal business hours on those days
20 in-person absentee voting is conducted in the county clerk's office, make
21 application in person to the county clerk to vote on a voting machine in the
22 county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of elections
23 and approved by the State Board of Elections, if the voter *provides proof of*
24 *identification as defined in Section 23 of this Act or meets the requirements*
25 *of Section 1 or 2 of this Act, and the voter:*
- 26 1. Is a resident of Kentucky who is a covered voter as defined in KRS
27 117A.010, who will be absent from the county of his or her residence on

- 1 any election day;
- 2 2. Is a student who temporarily resides outside the county of his or her
- 3 residence;
- 4 3. Has surgery, or whose spouse has surgery, scheduled that will require
- 5 hospitalization on election day;
- 6 4. Temporarily resides outside the state, but is still eligible to vote in this
- 7 state and will be absent from the county of his or her residence on any
- 8 election day;
- 9 5. Is a resident of Kentucky who is a uniformed-service voter as defined in
- 10 KRS 117A.010 confined to a military base on election day, learns of that
- 11 confinement within seven (7) days or less of an election, and is not
- 12 eligible for a mail-in absentee ballot under this subsection;
- 13 6. Is in her last trimester of pregnancy at the time she wishes to vote under
- 14 this paragraph. The application form for a voter under this subparagraph
- 15 shall be prescribed by the State Board of Elections, which shall contain
- 16 the woman's sworn statement that she is in fact in her last trimester of
- 17 pregnancy at the time she wishes to vote;
- 18 7. Has not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent
- 19 jurisdiction and, on account of age, disability, or illness, is not able to
- 20 appear at the polls on election day; or
- 21 8. Is not permitted to vote by a mail-in absentee ballot under paragraph (a)
- 22 of this subsection, but who will be absent from the county of his or her
- 23 residence on election day.
- 24 (e) Voters who change their place of residence to a different state while the
- 25 registration books are closed in the new state of residence before a presidential
- 26 election shall be permitted to cast an in-person absentee ballot for President
- 27 and Vice President only, by making application in person to the county clerk

1 to vote on a voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place
2 designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board
3 of Elections, up to the close of normal business hours on the day before the
4 election.

5 (f) Any member of the county board of elections, any precinct election officer
6 appointed to serve in a precinct other than that in which he or she is registered,
7 any alternate precinct election officer, any deputy county clerk, any staff for
8 the State Board of Elections, and any staff for the county board of elections
9 may vote on a voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place
10 designated by the county board of elections, and approved by the State Board
11 of Elections, up to the close of normal business hours on the day before the
12 election. The application form for those persons shall be prescribed by the
13 State Board of Elections and, in the case of application by precinct election
14 officers, shall contain a verification of appointment signed by a member of the
15 county board of elections. If an alternate precinct election officer or a precinct
16 election officer appointed to serve in a precinct other than that in which he or
17 she is registered receives his or her appointment while in-person absentee
18 voting is being conducted in the county, the officer may vote on a voting
19 machine in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county
20 board of elections, and approved by the State Board of Elections, up to the
21 close of normal business hours on the day before the election. Precinct
22 election officers' verification of appointment shall also contain the date of
23 appointment. The applications shall be restricted to the use of the voter only.

24 (g) The members of the county board of elections or their designees who provide
25 equal representation of both political parties may serve as precinct election
26 officers, without compensation, for all in-person absentee voting performed
27 on a voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place designated by

1 the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections. If
2 the members of the county board of elections or their designees serve as
3 precinct election officers for the in-person absentee voting, they shall perform
4 the same duties and exercise the same authority as precinct election officers
5 who serve on the day of an election. If the members of the county board of
6 elections or their designees do not serve as precinct election officers for in-
7 person absentee voting, the county clerk or deputy county clerks shall
8 supervise the in-person absentee voting.

9 (h) Any individual qualified to appoint challengers for the day of an election may
10 also appoint challengers to observe all in-person absentee voting performed at
11 the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of
12 elections, and approved by the State Board of Elections, and those challengers
13 may exercise the same privileges as challengers appointed for observing
14 voting on the day of an election at a regular polling place.

15 (2) The county clerk shall type the name of the voter permitted to vote by mail-in
16 absentee ballot on the mail-in absentee ballot application form for that person's use
17 and no other. The mail-in absentee ballot application form shall be in the form
18 prescribed by the State Board of Elections, which shall include the voter
19 affirmation form as prescribed in subsection (1)(c) of Section 1 of this Act, shall
20 bear the seal of the county clerk, and shall contain the following information: name,
21 residential address, precinct, party affiliation, statement of the reason the person
22 cannot vote in person on election day, statement of where the voter shall be on
23 election day, statement of compliance with residency requirements for voting in the
24 precinct, an instructional statement prescribing the requirements for providing a
25 copy of the voter's proof of identification or voter affirmation when applicable,
26 and the voter's mailing address for a mail-in absentee ballot. The mail-in absentee
27 ballot application form shall be verified and signed by the voter, and the voter shall

1 provide a copy of his or her proof of identification, as defined in Section 23 of
2 this Act, or the executed voter affirmation as described in subsection (1)(c) of
3 Section 1 of this Act. A notice of the actual penalty provisions in KRS 117.995(2)

4 and (5) shall be printed on the mail-in absentee ballot application form.

5 (3) (a) If the county clerk finds that the voter is properly registered as stated in his or
6 her mail-in absentee ballot application form and qualifies to receive a mail-in
7 absentee ballot by mail, he or she shall mail to the voter a mail-in absentee
8 ballot, two (2) official envelopes for returning the mail-in absentee ballot, and
9 instructions for voting.

10 (b) The county clerk shall complete a postal form for a certificate of mailing for
11 mail-in absentee ballots mailed within the fifty (50) states, and it shall be
12 stamped by the postal service when the mail-in absentee ballots are mailed. A
13 mail-in absentee ballot may be transmitted by facsimile machine or by the
14 electronic transmission system established under KRS 117A.030(4) to a
15 covered voter as defined in KRS 117A.010. The covered voter shall be
16 notified of the options for transmittal of the mail-in absentee ballot, and the
17 mail-in absentee ballot shall be transmitted by the method chosen for receipt
18 by the resident of Kentucky who is a covered voter.

19 (4) Mail-in absentee ballots which are requested prior to the printing of the mail-in
20 absentee ballots shall be mailed or otherwise transmitted as provided in subsection
21 (3) of this section by the county clerk to the voter within three (3) days of the receipt
22 of the printed ballots. Mail-in absentee ballots requested after the receipt of the
23 ballots by the county clerk shall be mailed or otherwise transmitted as provided in
24 subsection (3) of this section to the voter within three (3) days of the receipt of the
25 request.

26 (5) The county clerk shall cause mail-in absentee ballots to be printed fifty (50) days
27 prior to each primary or regular election, and forty-five (45) days prior to a special

1 election.

2 (6) The outer envelope shall bear the words "Absentee Ballot" and the address and
3 official title of the county clerk and shall provide space for the voter's signature,
4 voting address, precinct number, and signatures of two (2) witnesses if the voter
5 signs the form with the use of a mark instead of the voter's signature. A detachable
6 flap on the ~~secrecy~~~~inner~~ envelope shall provide space for the voter's signature,
7 voting address, precinct number, signatures of two (2) witnesses if the voter signs
8 the form with the use of a mark instead of the voter's signature and notice of penalty
9 provided in KRS 117.995(5). The county clerk shall type the voter's address and
10 precinct number in the upper left hand corner of the outer envelope and of the
11 detachable flap on the ~~secrecy~~~~inner~~ envelope immediately below the blank space
12 for the voter's signature. The ~~secrecy~~~~inner~~ envelope shall be blank. The county
13 clerk shall retain the voter's mail-in ballot application form, which shall include
14 the photographed copy of the voter's proof of identification or the voter
15 affirmation as prescribed by subsection (1)(c) of Section 1 of this Act, and the
16 postal form required by subsection (3) of this section for twenty-two (22) months
17 after the primary or election.

18 (7) Any person who has received a mail-in absentee ballot by mail but who knows at
19 least seven (7) days before the date of the election that he or she will be in his or her
20 county of residence on election day and who has not voted pursuant to the
21 provisions of KRS 117.086 shall cancel his or her mail-in absentee ballot and vote
22 in person. The voter shall return the mail-in absentee ballot to the county clerk's
23 office no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the election. Upon the return
24 of the mail-in absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark on the outer envelope of
25 the sealed ballot or the unmarked ballot the words "Canceled because voter
26 appeared to vote in person." Sealed envelopes so marked shall not be opened. The
27 county clerk shall remove the voter's name from the list of persons who were sent

1 mail-in absentee ballots, and the voter may vote in the precinct in which he or she is
2 properly registered.

3 (8) Any voter qualified for a mail-in absentee ballot who does not receive a requested
4 mail-in absentee ballot within a reasonable amount of time shall contact the county
5 clerk, who shall reissue a second mail-in absentee ballot. The county clerk shall
6 keep a record of the mail-in absentee ballots issued and returned by mail,~~and~~ the
7 in-person absentee voting and federal in-person provisional absentee voting that is
8 performed on the voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place
9 designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of
10 Elections, to verify that only the first voted ballot to be returned by the voter is
11 counted. Upon the return of any mail-in absentee ballot after the first mail-in
12 absentee ballot is returned, the county clerk shall mark on the outer envelope of the
13 sealed ballot the words "Canceled because ballot reissued."

14 (9) Any covered voter as defined in KRS 117A.010 who has received a mail-in
15 absentee ballot but who knows that he or she will be in the county on election day
16 and who has not voted pursuant to the provisions of KRS 117.086 shall cancel his
17 or her mail-in absentee ballot and vote in person. The voter shall return the mail-in
18 absentee ballot to the county clerk's office on or before election day. Upon the
19 return of the mail-in absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark on the outer
20 envelope of the sealed mail-in absentee ballot or the unmarked mail-in absentee
21 ballot the words "Canceled because voter appeared to vote in person." Sealed
22 envelopes so marked shall not be opened. If the covered voter is unable to return the
23 mail-in absentee ballot to the county clerk's office on or before election day, at the
24 time he or she votes in person, he or she shall sign a written oath as to his or her
25 qualifications on the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections pursuant to
26 KRS 117.245. The county clerk shall remove the voter's name from the list of
27 persons who were sent mail-in absentee ballots, provide the voter with written

1 authorization to vote at the precinct, and the voter may vote in the precinct in which
2 he or she is properly registered.

3 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to
4 61.884, the information contained in an application for a mail-in absentee ballot
5 shall not be made public until after the close of business hours on the election day
6 for which the application applies. This subsection shall not prohibit at any time the
7 disclosure, upon request, of the total number of applications for mail-in absentee
8 ballots that have been filed, or the disclosure to the Secretary of State or the State
9 Board of Elections, if requested or if otherwise required by law, of any information
10 in an application for a mail-in absentee ballot.

11 ➔Section 6. KRS 117.0851 is amended to read as follows:

12 Absentee ballots and federal provisional absentee ballots cast, as absentee ballots and
13 federal provisional absentee ballots are provided by KRS 117.077, ~~KRS~~ and 117.085,
14 and Section 2 of this Act shall all be tabulated in the same manner, as shall be provided
15 by this chapter.

16 ➔Section 7. KRS 117.086 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) (a) The voter returning his or her absentee ballot by mail shall mark his or her
18 ballot, seal it in the ~~secrecy~~~~inner~~ envelope, and then ~~seal~~~~in~~ the outer
19 envelope, and mail it to the county clerk as ~~shall be~~ provided in~~by~~ this
20 chapter.

21 (b) The voter shall sign the detachable flap and the outer envelope in order to
22 validate the ballot. A person having power of attorney for the voter and who
23 signs the detachable flap and outer envelope for the voter shall complete the
24 voter assistance form as required by KRS 117.255. The signatures of two (2)
25 witnesses are required if the voter signs the form with the use of a mark
26 instead of the voter's signature. A resident of Kentucky who is a covered voter
27 as defined in KRS 117A.010 who has received an absentee ballot transmitted

1 by facsimile machine or by means of the electronic transmission system
2 established under KRS 117A.030(4) shall transmit the voted ballot to the
3 county clerk by mail only, conforming with ballot security requirements that
4 may be promulgated by the State Board of Elections~~[state board]~~ by
5 administrative regulation under KRS Chapter 13A. In order to be counted, the
6 ballots shall be received by the county clerk by at least the time established by
7 the election laws generally for the closing of the polls, which time shall not
8 include the extra hour during which those voters may vote who were waiting
9 in line to vote at the scheduled poll closing time.

10 (2) Any voter who shall be absent from the county on election day, but who does not
11 qualify to receive a mail-in~~[an]~~ absentee ballot~~[by mail]~~ under the provisions of
12 KRS 117.085, and all voters qualified to vote prior to the election under the
13 provisions of KRS 117.085, shall vote at the main office of the county clerk or other
14 place designated by the county board of elections, and approved by the State Board
15 of Elections, prior to the day of election. The county clerk may provide for such
16 voting by the voting equipment in general use in the county either at the precinct,
17 the equipment as may be used to tabulate absentee ballots, or any other voting
18 equipment approved by the State Board of Elections for use in Kentucky, except as
19 follows:

20 (a) Any voter qualifying to vote in the county clerk's office or other place
21 designated by the county board of elections, and approved by the State Board
22 of Elections, who receives assistance to vote shall complete the voter
23 assistance form required by KRS 117.255~~;~~

24 (b) Any voter qualifying to vote in the county clerk's office or other place
25 designated by the county board of elections, and approved by the State Board
26 of Elections, whose qualifications are challenged on grounds other than
27 inability to provide proof of identification by any clerk or deputy shall

1 complete an "Oath of Voter" affidavit; and

2 (c) Any voter qualifying to vote in the county clerk's office or other place
3 designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board
4 of Elections, who is unable to provide proof of identification as defined in
5 Section 23 of this Act, may cast an in-person absentee ballot or federal
6 provisional in-person absentee ballot in accordance with Section 1 or 2 of
7 this Act.

8 (3) When the county clerk uses general voting equipment as provided for in subsection
9 (2) of this section, each voter casting his vote at the county clerk's office or other
10 place designated by the county board of elections, and approved by the State Board
11 of Elections, shall sign an "Absentee Ballot Signature Roster."

12 (4) The county clerk shall designate a location within his or her office where the
13 ballots shall be cast secretly. The county clerk, with the approval of the State Board
14 of Elections, may establish locations other than his or her main office in which the
15 voters may execute their ballots. Public notice of the locations shall be given
16 pursuant to KRS Chapter 424, and similar notice by mail shall be given to the
17 county chairs~~chairmen~~ of the two (2) political parties whose candidates polled the
18 largest number of votes in the county at the last regular~~general~~ election.

19 (5) The State Board of Elections shall promulgate administrative regulations under
20 KRS Chapter 13A to provide for casting ballots in accordance with~~as provided in~~
21 subsection (2) of this section.

22 (6) The county clerk shall deposit all of the mail-in absentee ballots~~returned by mail~~
23 in a locked ballot box immediately upon receipt without opening the outer
24 envelope. The ballot box shall be locked with three (3) locks. The keys to the box
25 shall be retained by the three (3) members of the central absentee ballot counting
26 board, if one is appointed, or by the members of the board of elections, and the box
27 shall remain locked until the ballots are counted. All voting equipment on which

1 ballots are cast as permitted in subsection (2) of this section shall also remain
2 locked and the keys shall be retained by the three (3) members of the central
3 absentee ballot counting board, if one is appointed, or by the members of the board
4 of elections, and the equipment shall remain locked until the ballots are counted.

5 (7) The county clerk shall keep separate lists~~[a list]~~ for each election of all persons
6 who:

7 (a) Return their absentee ballots by mail;~~[or who]~~

8 (b) Cast their ballots in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the
9 county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections; and

10 (c) Cast their federal provisional in-person absentee ballots under subsection
11 (2)(c) of this section.

12 The county clerk~~[, and]~~ shall send a copy of each list to the State Board of
13 Elections~~[state board]~~ after any primary or~~[the]~~ election day~~[for which the list~~
14 ~~applies]~~. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS
15 61.870 to 61.884, each list of all persons who return their absentee ballots by mail
16 or who cast their ballots in the clerk's office or other designated and approved place
17 shall not be made public until after the close of business hours on the primary or
18 election day for which the list applies. The county clerk and the Secretary of State
19 shall keep a record of the number of votes cast by each method listed in
20 paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection~~[absentee ballots returned by mail and cast~~
21 ~~on the voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the~~
22 ~~county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections]~~, which are
23 cast in any primary or election as a part of the official returns of the primary or
24 election.

25 (8) The county board of elections shall report to the State Board of Elections within ten
26 (10) days after any primary or regular~~[general]~~ election as to the number of rejected
27 absentee ballots, including rejected mail-in absentee ballots and ballots cast under

1 subsection (2) of this section, and the reasons for rejecting the~~[rejected absentee]~~
2 ballots on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Board of Elections in
3 administrative regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A.

4 ➔Section 8. KRS 117.0863 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) Except for those voters who have been certified as requiring assistance in voting on
6 a permanent or annual basis, any person voting by means of a~~an~~ mail-in absentee
7 ballot~~[by mail]~~ or on the voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place
8 designated by the county board of elections, and approved by the State Board of
9 Elections, as provided in this chapter who receives assistance in voting shall be
10 required to complete the voter assistance form required by KRS 117.255.

11 (2) Any person who assists another person in voting by use of an mail-in absentee
12 ballot~~[by mail]~~ or on a voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place
13 designated by the county board of elections, and approved by the State Board of
14 Elections, shall complete the voter assistance form required by KRS 117.255.

15 (3) The detachable flap on all mail-in absentee ballot envelopes shall have printed upon
16 it the voter assistance form required by KRS 117.255, as well as a notice of the
17 penalty for failure to complete the form.

18 (4) The State Board of Elections shall promulgate by administrative regulations under
19 KRS Chapter 13A a voter assistance form which shall be in a form acceptable to the
20 Attorney General.

21 ➔Section 9. KRS 117.0865 is amended to read as follows:

22 Any person who aids another in completing an absentee ballot or a federal provisional
23 absentee ballot shall not solicit or encourage that person to vote for or against any
24 candidate, party, or issue. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class
25 D felony.

26 ➔Section 10. KRS 117.087 is amended to read as follows:

27 (1) The challenge of an absentee ballot returned by mail shall be in writing and in the

- 1 hands of the county clerk before 8 a.m. on election day.
- 2 (2) The county board of elections shall count the absentee ballots returned by mail and
3 the votes cast on the voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place
4 designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of
5 Elections. **Federal provisional in-person absentee ballots shall be processed in**
6 **accordance with Section 2 of this Act.** The board may appoint a central ballot
7 counting board of not less than three (3) members, who shall be qualified voters and
8 no more than two-thirds (2/3) of whom shall be members of the same political
9 party, to count the ballots at the direction of the county board of elections.
- 10 (3) Beginning at 8 a.m. on election day, the board shall meet at the county clerk's office
11 to count the absentee ballots returned by mail and the ballots cast on the voting
12 machine in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of
13 elections and approved by the State Board of Elections. Candidates or their
14 representatives shall be permitted to be present. The county board of elections shall
15 authorize representatives of the news media to observe the counting of the ballots.
16 The board shall open the boxes containing absentee ballots returned by mail and
17 remove the envelopes one (1) at a time. As each envelope is removed, it shall be
18 examined to ascertain whether the outer envelope and the detachable flap are in
19 proper order and have been signed by the voter. A person having power of attorney
20 for the voter and who signs the detachable flap and outer envelope for the voter
21 shall complete the voter assistance form required by KRS 117.255. The signatures
22 of two (2) witnesses are required if the voter signs the form with the use of a mark
23 instead of the voter's signature. All unsigned mail-in absentee ballots shall be
24 rejected automatically. The chair~~chairman~~ of the county board of elections shall
25 compare the signatures on the outer envelope~~, and~~ the detachable flap with the
26 signature of the voter that appears on the registration card. If the outer envelope and
27 the detachable flap are found to be in order, the chair~~chairman~~ shall read aloud

1 the name of the voter. If the vote of the voter is not rejected on a challenge then
2 made as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the chair~~[chairman]~~ shall remove
3 the detachable flap and place the secrecy~~[inner]~~ envelope unopened in a ballot box
4 which has been provided for the purpose.

5 (4) When the name of a voter who cast a mail-in absentee ballot~~[an absentee ballot by~~
6 ~~mail]~~ is read aloud by the chair~~[chairman]~~, the vote of the voter may be challenged
7 by any board member or by the written challenge provided in subsection (1) of this
8 section and the challenge may be determined and the vote accepted or rejected by
9 the board as if the voter was present and voting in person; but if the outer envelope
10 and the detachable flap are regular, and each substantially comply with the
11 provisions of this chapter, they shall be considered as showing that the voter is
12 prima facie entitled to vote. If the vote of a voter is rejected pursuant to the
13 challenge, the secrecy~~[inner]~~ envelope shall not be opened, but returned to the outer
14 envelope upon which the chair~~[chairman]~~ shall write on the envelope the word
15 "rejected."

16 (5) After the challenges have been made and all the blank secrecy~~[inner]~~ envelopes
17 have been placed in a ballot box, the box shall be thoroughly shaken to redistribute
18 the absentee ballots in the box. The board shall open the ballot box, remove the
19 absentee ballots from the secrecy~~[inner]~~ envelopes, and count the ballots.

20 (6) The board shall unlock any voting equipment used to cast ballots in the county
21 clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of elections, and
22 approved by the State Board of Elections, as provided for in KRS 117.086, and a
23 total of all ballots shall be made and recorded on the form provided by the State
24 Board of Elections.

25 (7) The county board of elections, the county clerk, and all individuals permitted to be
26 present for the counting of absentee ballots pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
27 shall not make public the absentee ballot results determined as provided in this

1 section until after 6 p.m. prevailing time.

2 ➔Section 11. KRS 117.145 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) At least fifteen (15) days before any special election, and at least fifty (50) days
4 before any primary or regular election, the county clerk of each county shall cause
5 to be printed and ready for use ballot labels for each candidate who, and each
6 question which, is entitled to be voted upon in such election. The ballot labels shall
7 be printed on clear white paper or other material which shall be furnished by the
8 printer. They shall be printed in black ink, in plain, clear type clearly legible to a
9 person with normal vision, and shall be of a size to fit the ballot frames. The labels
10 shall include the necessary party designations.

11 (2) Each county clerk shall have printed a sufficient number of paper absentee ballots,
12 voter affirmations, and election official affirmations. The voter affirmation, if
13 applicable, and the absentee ballot shall be used for voting by absent voters; by
14 precinct officers who have been assigned to a precinct other than their own; by
15 members of a county board of elections; by voters so disabled by age, infirmity, or
16 illness as to be unable to appear at the polls; and for voting in an emergency
17 situation. The ballot stubs shall be consecutively numbered and the county board
18 shall keep a record, by number, of all absentee ballots used for any of the purposes
19 listed in this subsection~~herein~~.

20 (3) Each county clerk shall have printed a sufficient number of federal provisional
21 ballots, which, except for the candidates listed, shall have the same form as the
22 absentee ballots. A federal provisional ballot shall indicate that the ballot is a
23 federal provisional ballot. The federal provisional ballot stubs shall be
24 consecutively numbered, and the county board of elections shall keep a record, by
25 number, of all federal provisional ballots used for votes cast by provisional voters
26 in federal elections.

27 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ No later than the Friday preceding a special or regular election, the county

1 clerk shall equip the voting machines with the necessary supplies for the purpose of
2 write-in votes. The county clerk shall also attach a pencil or pen to the voting
3 machine for write-in purposes.

4 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ If supplemental paper ballots have been approved as provided in KRS
5 118.215, the county clerk shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of paper
6 ballots for the registered voters of each precinct. The paper ballots shall have stubs
7 which are numbered consecutively. The quality of paper on which the supplemental
8 paper ballots are printed shall be determined by administrative regulations
9 promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A by the secretary of the Finance and
10 Administration Cabinet.

11 ➔Section 12. KRS 117.175 is amended to read as follows:

12 The county clerk shall, with the county attorney, prepare a sufficient number of
13 instruction cards containing a diagram showing the front of the voting machine as it will
14 appear on the day of the election, instructions as to the proper method of voting by the use
15 of the machine, and instructions as to the proper method of casting a write-in vote. For
16 federal provisional ballots and~~if~~ supplemental paper ballots, ~~if~~~~have been~~ approved~~[-]~~
17 as provided in KRS 118.215, the instruction cards shall indicate the offices, candidates,
18 and questions which will appear on the supplemental paper ballots, the offices that will
19 appear on the federal provisional ballot, ~~and~~ the instructions for marking and
20 depositing the supplemental paper ballots, instructions for filling out the federal
21 provisional ballot, and instructions on how to properly execute the voter affirmations.
22 The cards shall be examined and approved by the county board of elections at the time the
23 machines are examined and approved. The cards shall be delivered to each election clerk
24 by the county clerk at the time that other election supplies are delivered and the election
25 clerk shall post the card at the polling place.

26 ➔Section 13. KRS 117.187 is amended to read as follows:

27 (1) The State Board of Elections shall regularly provide special training regarding the

1 election laws and methods of enforcement to all members of county boards of
2 elections, county attorneys, Commonwealth's attorneys, and certain members of the
3 Department of Kentucky State Police.

4 (2) The county board of elections shall provide special training before each primary and
5 regular election, and any special election held during a year in which no elections
6 are scheduled, to all election officers, alternates, and certified challengers regarding
7 their duties and the penalties for failure to perform. Election officers, including
8 alternates, and certified challengers shall attend the training session, unless excused
9 by the county board of elections for reason of illness or other emergency. Any
10 person who fails to attend a training session without being excused shall be
11 prohibited from serving as an election officer or challenger for a period of five (5)
12 years. The training provided by the county board of elections shall include but not
13 be limited to the following:

- 14 (a) Operation of the voting machine or ballot cards;
- 15 (b) Posting of necessary signs and notices at the polling place;
- 16 (c) Voter assistance;
- 17 (d) Maintaining precinct rosters;
- 18 (e) Confirmation of a voter's identity;
- 19 (f) Challenge of a voter;
- 20 (g) Completing changes of address or name at the polling place;
- 21 (h) Qualifications for voting in a primary~~[-election]~~;
- 22 (i) Electioneering and exit polling;
- 23 (j) Write-in voting procedures;
- 24 (k) Persons who may be in the voting room;
- 25 (l) Election violations and penalties;
- 26 (m) Assistance which may be provided by law enforcement officers;
- 27 (n) Election reports;

- 1 (o) Disability awareness;
- 2 (p) Provisional voting and provisional absentee voting~~[process]~~;
- 3 (q) Election emergency contingency plan;~~[and]~~
- 4 (r) Elections and voting equipment security plan; and
- 5 (s) Proof of identification.
- 6 (3) The county attorney shall attend the training session for election officers to assist in
- 7 explaining the duties and penalties for failure to perform.
- 8 (4) Compensation in the minimum amount of ten dollars (\$10) for reimbursement of
- 9 actual expenses shall be paid by the county to the election officers for attending the
- 10 training session.
- 11 ➔Section 14. KRS 117.195 is amended to read as follows:
- 12 (1) At least one (1) hour prior to the opening of the polls, the county clerk shall deliver
- 13 each machine, with the operating device and mechanism and the device covering
- 14 the registering counters securely locked, to the clerk of the precinct in which it is to
- 15 be used, and shall take a receipt indicating the distinguishing number of the
- 16 machine. The clerk of the precinct shall cause the machine to be arranged in the
- 17 voting place so that the front of the machine, on which appear the ballot labels and
- 18 the operating devices, will not be visible, when being operated, to any person other
- 19 than the voter.
- 20 (2) In polling places in which machines for multiple precincts are located, the county
- 21 clerk shall post a sign near each machine identifying the precinct for which the
- 22 machine has been designated.
- 23 (3) For federal provisional ballots, and~~[if]~~ supplemental paper ballots if~~[have been]~~
- 24 approved as provided in KRS 118.215, the county clerk shall, at least one (1) hour
- 25 prior to the opening of the polls, deliver:
- 26 (a) A sufficient number of ballots, and supplemental paper ballots if approved,
- 27 for the registered voters of each precinct;~~[and]~~

(b) A sufficient number of voting booths for voting federal provisional ballots, and supplemental paper ballots~~;~~ if approved;

(c) A sufficient amount of string and~~;~~ rubber stamps for marking "Spoiled" and "Unused" ballots;~~and~~

(d) A locked ballot box or receptacle for federal provisional ballots, and a separate locked ballot box for supplemental paper ballots if approved, for each precinct; and

(e) A sufficient number of federal provisional voter ballots, voter affirmations, and election official affirmations.

The county clerk shall take a receipt for the number of federal provisional ballots, and supplemental paper ballots if approved, issued and the ballot ~~boxes~~~~box~~ or ballot receptacles for each precinct. The county clerk shall retain the keys to all ballot boxes and ballot receptacles.

➔Section 15. KRS 117.225 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person desiring to vote on election day shall give his or her name and address to the clerk of the election and shall provide proof of identification as defined in Section 23 of this Act.

(2) A voter who votes in person at a precinct polling place that is located at a state licensed care facility where the voter resides is not required to provide proof of identification, as defined in Section 23 of this Act, before voting in a primary or an election.

(3) If the ~~voter's~~~~person's~~ name is listed on the precinct list furnished by the State Board of Elections as provided in KRS 117.025, the voter provides proof of identification, the voter is exempt pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, or the voter otherwise satisfies the requirements of Section 1 of this Act, and if no challenge is made, then he or she shall sign his or her name on the precinct list in the space opposite his or her printed name. The voter's signature shall constitute the

1 ~~voter's~~^[his] verification that ~~the voter~~^[he] is a properly registered and qualified
2 voter. The voter shall then retire alone to cast his or her vote on the voting machine.
3 The county board of elections may provide to each precinct the original registration
4 form of each voter entitled to vote in that precinct. These forms shall be used to
5 compare signatures in those precincts to which the forms are provided.

6 ~~(4)~~⁽²⁾ If supplemental paper ballots are used, as provided in KRS 118.215, after
7 voting on the voting machine the voter shall take the supplemental paper ballot with
8 the stub intact and retire alone to the voting booth provided for voting paper ballots.
9 After voting the supplemental paper ballot, the voter shall remove the numbered
10 stub, hand the stub to an election ~~officer~~^[official] and deposit the voted ballot in the
11 locked supplemental paper ballot box in the presence of a precinct election
12 officer.

13 ➔ Section 16. KRS 117.227 is amended to read as follows:

14 Except as otherwise provided, election officers shall confirm the identity of each voter by
15 proof of identification as defined in Section 23 of this Act~~[personal acquaintance or by a~~
16 ~~document, such as a motor vehicle operator's license, Social Security card, any~~
17 ~~identification card that has been issued by the county and which has been approved in~~
18 ~~writing by the State Board of Elections, any identification card with picture and signature,~~
19 ~~any United States government issued identification card, any Kentucky state government~~
20 ~~issued identification card with picture, or credit card]~~. The election officer confirming the
21 identity shall sign the precinct voter roster and list the method of proof of identification.

22 ➔ Section 17. KRS 117.245 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) The fact that a person is registered constitutes only prima facie evidence of his or
24 her right to vote and does not prevent the officers of any election from refusing to
25 allow him or her to vote for cause.
26 (2) When the officers of an election disagree as to the qualifications of a voter or if his
27 or her right to vote is disputed by a challenger, other than for failure to provide

1 proof of identification as defined in Section 23 of this Act, the voter shall sign a
2 written oath as to his or her qualifications before he or she is permitted to vote. The
3 oath shall be in such form prescribed and furnished~~[as prescribed]~~ by the State
4 Board of Elections pursuant to administrative regulations promulgated under
5 KRS Chapter 13A.~~[and]~~ Twenty (20) printed copies of these oaths shall be
6 included in the election supplies of each precinct.

7 (3) The subscribed oaths shall be returned to the county clerk who shall deliver them to
8 the Commonwealth's attorney.

9 (4) The Commonwealth's attorney and county attorney shall investigate each of the
10 oaths and cause to be summoned before the grand jury the witnesses they or either
11 of them, deem proper, and the grand jury shall make a thorough investigation of all
12 votes so cast, and return indictments against all persons illegally voting. The
13 foreman of the grand jury shall return to the county clerk all of the oaths upon
14 which no indictments are found. The county clerk shall safely keep them as a part
15 of the records of his or her office, and shall produce any or all of them, when
16 required, to any subsequent grand jury.

17 ➔Section 18. KRS 117.255 is amended to read as follows:

18 (1) The voter shall be instructed by the officers of election, with the aid of the
19 instruction cards and the model, in the use of the machine, if the voter so requests.

20 (2) Except for those voters who have been certified as requiring assistance on a
21 permanent basis, no voter shall be permitted to receive any assistance in voting at
22 the polls unless the voter~~[he]~~ makes and signs an oath that, because of blindness,
23 other physical disability, or an inability to read English, the voter~~[he]~~ is unable to
24 vote without assistance. The oath shall be upon a voter assistance form prescribed
25 and furnished by the State Board of Elections pursuant to administrative
26 regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A. Any person assisting a voter
27 shall complete the voter assistance form.

- 1 (3) Upon making and filing the oath with the precinct clerk, the voter requiring
2 assistance shall retire to the voting machine or ballot completion area with the
3 precinct judges, and one (1) of the judges shall, in the presence of the other judge
4 and the voter, operate the machine or complete the ballot as the voter directs. A
5 voter requiring assistance in voting may, if the voter~~he~~ prefers, be assisted by a
6 person of the voter's~~his~~ own choice who is not an election officer, except that the
7 voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the
8 voter's union shall not assist a voter.
- 9 (4) The precinct election clerk shall swear a person assisting a voter in voting to operate
10 the voting machine or complete the ballot in accordance with the directions of the
11 voter, and the person sworn shall enter the voting booth or ballot completion area
12 and operate the machine or complete the ballot for the voter as the voter directs.
- 13 (5) A voter who requires voting assistance on a permanent basis because of blindness
14 or other physical disability may apply to the county board of elections for
15 certification. Application may be made when registering to vote or completing the
16 voter assistance form by indicating that the reason for obtaining assistance is
17 permanent. The county board of elections shall determine whether the applicant
18 requires assistance on a permanent basis. The county board of elections shall notify
19 the county clerk of persons certified as requiring permanent voting assistance and
20 the county clerk shall enter the certification on the voter's registration record. The
21 State Board of Elections shall indicate on the precinct roster of voters those voters
22 who are certified to receive assistance permanently without signing the voter
23 assistance form at the precinct.
- 24 (6) "Voting booth" or "ballot completion area" means an area in which a voter casts his
25 or her vote or completes his or her ballot which is designed to insure the secrecy of
26 the vote. No voter shall be assisted under this subsection unless the judges and the
27 sheriff of election are satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in the oath. The voter

- 1 shall state in his or her oath the specific reason that requires him or her to receive
2 assistance.
- 3 (7) No voter shall be permitted to occupy the voting machine more than two (2)
4 minutes if other voters are waiting to use it, except that those voters who because of
5 a disability need extra time to cast a ballot shall be given a reasonable amount of
6 time to vote.
- 7 (8) In primaries~~[primary elections]~~, before a voter is permitted to use the voting
8 machine, a judge of the election shall adjust the machine so that the voter will only
9 be able to vote for the persons for whom the voter is qualified to vote.
- 10 (9) If the machine is so constructed as to require adjustment after one (1) person has
11 voted before another person may vote, the judges of election shall adjust it after
12 each person has voted.
- 13 (10) The election officers shall constantly maintain a watch in order to prevent any
14 person from voting more than once.
- 15 (11) For voters voting as federal provisional voters, or if supplemental paper ballots
16 have been approved~~[,]~~ as provided in KRS 118.215, the voter shall vote his or her
17 federal provisional or supplemental ballot in privacy in a voting booth provided for
18 that purpose by the county clerk. If the voter spoils his or her ballot, the voter~~[he]~~
19 shall return the spoiled paper ballot to an election officer~~[official]~~ who shall stamp
20 the ballot "Spoiled," initial and place the spoiled ballot in an envelope provided for
21 that purpose. The voter shall be issued a second federal provisional or
22 supplemental paper ballot. Upon completion of voting, the voter shall remove the
23 numbered stub from the ballot, hand the stub to an election officer~~[official]~~ and
24 deposit the voted ballot in the appropriate locked ballot box or locked receptacle in
25 the presence of an~~[precinct]~~ election officer~~[officials]~~.
- 26 (12) The election sheriff shall be responsible for reporting violations of this section.
- 27 ➔Section 19. KRS 117.265 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) A voter may, at any regular or special election, cast a write-in vote for any person
2 qualified as provided in subsection (2) or (3) of this section, whose name does not
3 appear upon the ballot label for any office, by writing the name of his or her choice
4 upon the appropriate device for the office being voted on provided on the voting
5 machine as required by KRS 117.125. Any candidate for city, county, urban-county,
6 consolidated local government, charter county government, or unified local
7 government office who is defeated in a partisan or nonpartisan primary shall be
8 ineligible as a candidate for the same office in the regular election. Any voter
9 utilizing a federal provisional ballot, a federal provisional in-person absentee
10 ballot, or a~~an~~ mail-in absentee ballot for a regular or special election may write in
11 a vote for any eligible person whose name does not appear upon the ballot, by
12 writing the name of his or her choice under the office.
- 13 (2) Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates for election to office who have
14 filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the Secretary of State or
15 county clerk, depending on the office being sought, on or before the fourth Friday in
16 October preceding the date of the regular election and not later than the second
17 Friday before the date of a special election. In the case of a special election
18 administered under KRS 118.730, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate
19 shall be filed at least twenty-eight (28) days before the day of the election. The
20 declaration of intent shall be filed no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first
21 Monday in November of the year preceding the year the office will appear on the
22 ballot, and no later than 4 p.m. local time at the place of filing when filed on the last
23 date on which papers may be filed. The declaration of intent shall be on a form
24 prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of State.
- 25 (3) A person shall not be eligible as a write-in candidate:
26 (a) For more than one (1) office in a regular or special election; or
27 (b) If his or her name appears upon the ballot label for any office, except that the

1 candidate may file a notice of withdrawal prior to filing an intent to be a write-
2 in candidate for office when a vacancy in a different office occurs because of:

- 3 1. Death;
- 4 2. Disqualification to hold the office sought;
- 5 3. Severe disabling condition which arose after the nomination; or
- 6 4. The nomination of an unopposed candidate.

7 (4) Persons who wish to run for President and Vice-President shall file a declaration of
8 intent to be a write-in candidate, along with a list of presidential electors pledged to
9 those candidates, with the Secretary of State on or before the fourth Friday in
10 October preceding the date of the regular election for those offices. The declaration
11 of intent shall be filed no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in
12 November of the year preceding the year the office will appear on the ballot, and no
13 later than 4 p.m. local time at the place of filing when filed on the last date on which
14 papers may be filed. Write-in votes cast for the candidates whose names appear on
15 the ballot shall apply to the slate of pledged presidential electors, whose names shall
16 not appear on the ballot.

17 (5) The county clerk shall provide to the precinct election officers certified lists of those
18 persons who have filed declarations of intent as provided in subsections (2) and (3)
19 of this section. Only write-in votes cast for qualified candidates shall be counted.

20 (6) Two (2) election officers of opposing parties shall upon the request of any voter
21 instruct the voter on how to cast a write-in vote.

22 ➔Section 20. KRS 117.275 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) At the count of the votes in any precinct, any candidate or slate of candidates and
24 any representatives to witness and check the count of the votes therein, who are
25 authorized to be appointed as is provided in subsection (9) of this section, shall be
26 admitted and be permitted to be present and witness the count.

27 (2) As soon as the polls are closed, and the last voter has voted, the judges shall

1 immediately lock and seal the voting equipment so that the voting and counting
2 mechanism will be prevented from operation, and they shall sign a certificate
3 stating:

- 4 (a) That the voting equipment has been locked against voting and sealed;
- 5 (b) The number of voters, as shown on the public counters;
- 6 (c) The number registered on the protective or accumulative counter or device, if
7 any; and
- 8 (d) The number or other designation of the voting equipment, which certificate
9 shall be returned by the judges of election to the officials authorized by law to
10 receive it. The judges shall compare the number of voters, as shown by the
11 counter of the voting equipment, with the number of those who have voted as
12 shown by the protective or accumulative counter or device, if any.

13 (3) Where voting equipment is used which does not print the candidates' names along
14 with the total votes received on a general return sheet or record for that equipment,
15 the procedure to be followed shall be as follows:

- 16 (a) The judges, in the presence of the representatives mentioned in subsection (1)
17 of this section, if any, and of all other persons who may be lawfully within the
18 polling place, shall give full view of all the counter numbers;
- 19 (b) The judges shall enter, in ink, the total votes cast for each candidate, and slate
20 of candidates, and for and against each question on the return sheets; and
- 21 (c) Each precinct election officer shall sign the return sheets, and a copy of the
22 return sheets shall be posted on the precinct door.

23 (4) Where voting equipment is used that prints the candidates' names along with the
24 total votes received on a return sheet or record for that equipment, the precinct
25 election officers shall sign the return sheets or record for the voting equipment,
26 which shall be posted on the door of the precinct.

27 (5) If any officer shall decline to sign the return sheets, he or she shall state the reason

1 in writing, and a copy thereof, signed by the officer, shall be enclosed with the
2 return sheets.

3 (6) Each of the return sheets, if applicable, and the record of the voting equipment shall
4 be enclosed in an envelope. One (1) copy of the return sheets, if applicable, one (1)
5 copy of the record of the voting equipment, and the write-in roll, if any write-in
6 votes were cast in the precinct, shall be directed to the county board of elections of
7 the county in which the election is being held. One (1) copy of the return sheets or
8 record of the voting equipment shall be given to the county clerk of the county in
9 which the election is being held and to each of the local governing bodies of the two
10 (2) dominant political parties, but a local governing body of a dominant political
11 party may decline a copy of the precinct election return by filing a written
12 declination with the county board of elections prior to the election, and upon this
13 declination, a printed copy shall not be issued to the political party so declining. The
14 declination on file shall be effective for that election and any subsequent elections
15 until revoked by the local governing body of a dominant political party by filing a
16 written revocation with the county board of elections. The envelope shall have
17 endorsed thereon a certificate of the election officers, stating the number of the
18 machine, the precinct where it has been used, the number on the seal, and the
19 number on the protective or accumulative counter or device at the close of the polls.

20 (7) Following the tabulation of all votes cast in the election, including absentee votes
21 and write-in votes, the county board shall mail a copy of the precinct-by-precinct
22 summary of the tabulation sheets showing the results from each precinct to the State
23 Board of Elections and the county clerk shall mail or deliver the precinct signature
24 rosters from each precinct to the State Board of Elections during the period
25 established by KRS 117.355(3).

26 (8) As soon as possible after the completion of the count, the two (2) judges shall return
27 to the county board of elections the keys to the voting machine received and

1 received for by them, and the county clerk in which the precinct is located shall
2 have the voting machine properly boxed or securely covered and removed to a
3 proper and secure place of storage.

4 (9) In primaries, each candidate, slate of candidates, or group of candidates may
5 designate to the county board of elections a representative to witness and check the
6 vote count. In regular elections, the governing authority of each political party, each
7 candidate for member of board of education, nonpartisan candidate, independent
8 candidate, or independent ticket may designate a representative to the county board
9 of elections to witness and check the vote count. The county board of elections shall
10 authorize representatives of the news media to witness the vote count.

11 (10) For all federal provisional ballots, if applicable, and~~if~~ supplemental paper
12 ballots ~~if~~~~have been~~ approved~~,~~ as provided in KRS 118.215, after the polls are
13 closed, the two (2) judges shall return to the county clerk's office the locked federal
14 provisional ballot receptacle and the supplemental paper ballot box, all ballot
15 stubs, spoiled ballots, and unvoted ballots at the same time as the tabulation of votes
16 from the voting machine is delivered. The county clerk shall issue a receipt for the
17 number of ballot stubs, unvoted ballots, spoiled ballots, and the ballot ~~boxes~~~~box~~
18 or ballot receptacle.

19 (11) The county board of elections, or its designee, shall count and tally the
20 supplemental paper ballots manually or with the use of tabulating equipment which
21 does not involve an additional voting system. The results of the vote tally shall be
22 certified by the county board of elections to the county clerk and to the Secretary of
23 State.

24 (12) The county board of elections shall tabulate the valid federal provisional ballots.
25 The results of the vote tally shall be certified by the county board of elections to
26 the county clerk and to the Secretary of State. The county board shall mail a copy
27 of the precinct-by-precinct summary of the valid federal provisional ballot

1 tabulation sheets showing the results from each precinct to the State Board of
2 Elections.

3 ~~(13)~~~~(12)~~ The county board of elections shall authorize the candidates, slates of
4 candidates, or their representatives, and representatives of the news media to be
5 present during the counting of the supplemental and federal provisional paper
6 ballots.

7 ~~(14)~~~~(13)~~ Except as otherwise required in this chapter that certain records and papers
8 relating to specified elections be retained for twenty-two (22) months, the county
9 clerk shall retain the voted federal provisional ballots, voter affirmations, election
10 official affirmations, and the supplemental paper ballots for twenty-two (22)
11 months and the unvoted federal provisional ballots, the voter affirmations,
12 election official affirmations, and the supplemental paper ballots for sixty (60)
13 days after each election day, after which time they shall be destroyed in a manner to
14 render them unreadable by the county board of elections if no contest or recount
15 action has been filed.

16 ➔Section 21. KRS 117.305 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) The canvass and returns provided for in KRS 117.275 shall constitute the official
18 returns of the precinct, unless before 4 p.m. on the Tuesday following a primary or
19 regular election, or before 4 p.m. on the day following a special election held for the
20 purpose of filling a vacancy, the county clerk or county board of elections takes
21 notice of a discrepancy in the tally of votes cast in any precinct or number of
22 precincts, or a candidate makes a written request to the county board of elections in
23 the case of a candidate who has filed with the county clerk, or the Secretary of State
24 in the case of a candidate who has filed with the Secretary of State, to check and
25 recanvass the voting machines, valid federal provisional ballots, valid federal
26 provisional absentee ballots, and absentee ballots of any precinct or any number of
27 precincts involving his or her race. After this time period has elapsed and notice is

- 1 taken, the county ~~election~~board of elections shall assemble at 9 a.m. on the
2 Thursday following the filing deadline to request a recanvass, and not sooner, and
3 recheck and recanvass each machine and make a proper return thereof to the county
4 clerk, and the canvass and return shall become the official returns for the election.
5 In making the recanvass, the board shall make a record of the number of the seal
6 upon the voting machine and, without unlocking the machine against voting,
7 recanvass the vote cast thereon. If, after a recanvass, it is found that the original
8 canvass of the returns has been correctly made from the machine, and that there still
9 remains a discrepancy unaccounted for, this discrepancy shall be noted. If, upon
10 recanvass, it appears that the original canvass of the returns by the election officers
11 was incorrect, the returns and all papers being prepared by the board shall be
12 corrected accordingly. The county board of elections shall, immediately upon
13 receipt of a request for a recanvass, notify each candidate for the office of the time
14 and place of the recanvass. At the recanvass, each political party represented on the
15 board may appoint a representative there to be its governing body, and also each
16 candidate to be voted for may be present, either in person or by a representative or
17 both. The county board of elections shall authorize representatives of the news
18 media to observe the recanvass of the votes cast on the voting machine in each
19 precinct. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an individual from requesting, in
20 addition to a recanvass, a recount as authorized by KRS Chapter 120.
- 21 (2) The State Board of Elections shall prescribe and furnish forms to be used by
22 county boards of election to report all recanvassed votes. The form shall include the
23 following information:
- 24 (a) The name of the county in which the recanvass was conducted;
 - 25 (b) The date of the report;
 - 26 (c) The date of the election;
 - 27 (d) The office for which the recanvass was conducted;

- 1 (e) The names of each candidate for the office being recanvassed; and
- 2 (f) The machine votes, absentee votes, valid federal provisional votes, valid
- 3 federal provisional absentee votes, and vote totals for each candidate, as well
- 4 as write-in votes cast in a regular or special election for candidates whose
- 5 names did not appear on the ballot.

6 The report shall be signed by each member of the county board of elections.

- 7 (3) The county board of elections shall file its recanvass report as prescribed in
- 8 administrative regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elections in
- 9 conformity with KRS Chapter 13A.
- 10 (4) The State Board of Elections shall promulgate administrative regulations in
- 11 accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish the proper procedures for
- 12 conducting a recanvass for each type of voting system approved by the State Board
- 13 of Elections and in use in Kentucky.

14 ➔Section 22. KRS 117.365 is amended to read as follows:

15 Upon the first day a grand jury convenes after a primary, regular~~[general]~~ election, or

16 special election, the county clerk shall present to the grand jury all voter assistance forms,

17 all voter and election official affirmations, and all applications for absentee ballots

18 which shall have been completed in the immediately preceding primary, regular~~[general]~~

19 election, or special election. The county clerk may photocopy applications for absentee

20 ballots, voter and election official affirmations, and voter assistance forms, certify them

21 as true copies of the originals, and present the grand jury with those certified copies

22 instead of the originals. The county clerk shall retain all applications for absentee ballots,

23 voter and election official affirmations, and one (1) copy of each voter assistance form

24 as part of the records of the office and shall produce certified copies of any or all of them,

25 when required, to any subsequent grand jury.

26 ➔Section 23. KRS 117.375 is amended to read as follows:

27 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1 (1) "Electronic or electromechanical voting system" means a system of casting votes by
2 use of marking devices and tabulating ballots employing automatic tabulating
3 equipment or data processing equipment.
- 4 (2) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus necessary to automatically
5 examine and count votes as designated on ballots and data processing machines
6 which can be used for counting ballots and tabulating results.
- 7 (3) "Voting device" means either an apparatus in which paper ballots or ballot cards are
8 used in connection with an implement by which a voter registers his or her votes
9 with ink or other substance or by punching, or an apparatus by which such votes are
10 registered electronically, so that in either case the votes so registered may be
11 computed and tabulated by means of automatic tabulating equipment.
- 12 (4) "Ballot card" means a tabulating card on which votes may be recorded by a voter by
13 use of a voting punch device or by marking with a pen or special marking device.
- 14 (5) "Ballot label" means the cards, papers, booklet, pages or other material on which
15 appear the names of candidates and the questions to be voted on by means of ballot
16 cards or voting machines.
- 17 (6) "Ballot" or "official ballot" means the voting machine ballot label, ballot cards,
18 paper ballots, an absentee ballot, a federal provisional ballot, a federal provisional
19 absentee ballot, or a supplemental paper ballot which has been authorized for the
20 use of voters in any primary or regular~~[, general]~~ or special election by the
21 Secretary of State or the county clerk.
- 22 (7) "Voting punch device" means an apparatus in which ballots or ballot cards are
23 inserted for the piercing of ballots by the voter. The hole may be in the form of a
24 round dot, rectangle, square, or any other shape that will clearly indicate the intent
25 of the voter.
- 26 (8) "Vote marking device" means any approved device for marking a paper ballot with
27 ink or other substance which will enable the ballot to be tabulated by means of

1 automatic tabulating equipment.

2 (9) "Secrecy envelope" means the envelope handed to the voter with his or her ballot
3 into which the voter shall place his or her voted ballot cards.

4 (10) "Precinct ballot counter" means an automatic tabulating device used at the precinct
5 to tabulate and process ballots.

6 (11) "Voting machine" or "machine" shall include lever machines and, as far as
7 applicable, any electronic or electromechanical unit and supplies utilized or relied
8 upon by a voter in casting and recording his votes in an election.

9 (12) "Proof of identification" means a document that was issued by:

10 (a) The United States or the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the document
11 contains:

12 1. The name of the individual to whom the document was issued; and

13 2. A photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued;

14 (b) The United States Department of Defense, a branch of the uniformed
15 services, the Merchant Marines, or the Kentucky National Guard, and if the
16 document contains:

17 1. The name of the individual to whom the document was issued; and

18 2. A photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued;

19 (c) A public or private college, university, or postgraduate technical or
20 professional school located within the United States, and contains:

21 1. The name of the individual to whom the document was issued; and

22 2. A photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued; or

23 (d) Any city government, county government, urban-county government,
24 charter county government, consolidated local government, or unified local
25 government, which is located within this state, and the document contains:

26 1. The name of the individual to whom the document was issued; and

27 2. A photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued.

1 **(13) "Federal provisional voter" means a person:**

2 **(a) Who is registered to vote;**

3 **(b) Whose name appears on the precinct roster;**

4 **(c) Who has not provided proof of identification to the precinct election officer**
 5 **before voting in a federal election; and**

6 **(d) Who elects to proceed with voting a federal provisional ballot under Section**
 7 **2 of this Act.**

8 **(14) "Federal provisional ballot" or "federal provisional absentee ballot" means**
 9 **ballots which have been authorized by the Secretary of State or the county clerk**
 10 **to be used by federal provisional voters in any federal primary or election.**

11 ➔Section 24. KRS 117.383 is amended to read as follows:

12 The State Board of Elections shall prescribe rules and **promulgate administrative**
 13 **regulations under KRS Chapter 13A** which shall include but not be limited to the
 14 following:

- 15 (1) Achieve and maintain the maximum degree of correctness, impartiality, and
 16 efficiency of the procedures of voting;
- 17 (2) Count, tabulate, and record votes;
- 18 (3) Establish a method for placing items on the electronic voting device, which shall, as
 19 closely as possible, follow the requirements pertaining to ballot labels;
- 20 (4) Design the ballot cards **and federal provisional ballot cards**, including a numerical
 21 system to **ensure**~~insure~~ an accurate record of all voting activities;
- 22 (5) Instruct voters in the use of the voting device;
- 23 (6) Provide for checking the accuracy of the equipment;
- 24 (7) Provide necessary supplies, including those necessary for a write-in vote and
 25 secrecy envelopes for punch cards or data processing cards to insure voter privacy;
- 26 (8) As part of the official canvass, provide for a manual recount of randomly selected
 27 precincts representing three percent (3%) to five percent (5%) of the total ballots

1 cast in each election;

2 (9) Provide a method for maintaining sufficient documents and records so that votes
3 can be recounted. Such documents and records shall include any material other than
4 a ballot card which is imprinted with the names of candidates and issues voted
5 upon. Records shall be maintained in such a manner that a specific piece of printed
6 material listing issues and candidates can be matched with the specific ballot cards
7 which were marked in reliance upon such printed material. Except as otherwise
8 required in this chapter that certain records and papers relating to specified elections
9 be retained for twenty-two (22) months, such documents and records shall be
10 maintained for thirty (30) days following an election; and

11 (10) Unless contrary to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, ensure that all federal
12 provisional voting shall be conducted in a manner as prescribed by KRS Chapters
13 116 to 120.

14 ➔Section 25. KRS 117.385 is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) A voter who spoils or defaces a ballot card or marks it erroneously shall return the
16 card to an~~the~~ election officer~~officials~~. The election officer~~officials~~ shall
17 deliver to the voter another ballot card, but no voter may receive more than three (3)
18 ballot cards including the one originally delivered to the voter. Upon return of a
19 defective ballot card, an election officer~~official~~ shall cancel it by writing in ink on
20 the back the word "spoiled." The canceled ballot card shall be placed with spoiled
21 ballots to be returned with the election returns.

22 (2) (a) After marking the ballot card, the voter shall place it inside the secrecy
23 envelope and return it to an election officer~~official~~, who shall deposit the
24 ballot in the appropriate ballot box.

25 (b) When precinct ballot counters are used, the voter, unless voting a federal
26 provisional ballot, may either:

27 1. Insert his or her ballot contained in the secrecy envelope provided and

1 deposit the emptied ballot container envelope with the election
2 ~~officer~~~~[official]~~ presiding over the ballot counter; or

3 2. Deposit the ballot in the ballot box;

4 for processing by a precinct election ~~officer~~~~[officials]~~ after the polls close.

5 ➔Section 26. KRS 117.995 is amended to read as follows:

- 6 (1) Any person appointed to serve as an election officer but who shall knowingly and
7 willfully fail to serve and who is not excused by the county board of elections for
8 the reasons specified in this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be
9 ineligible to serve as an election officer for a period of five (5) years.
- 10 (2) Any county clerk or member of the county board of elections who knowingly and
11 willfully violates any of the provisions of this chapter, including furnishing
12 applications for absentee ballots and federal provisional absentee ballots to
13 persons other than those specified by the provisions of this chapter and failure to
14 type the name of the voter on the application form as required by the provisions of
15 this chapter, shall be guilty of a Class D felony.
- 16 (3) Any officer who willfully fails to prepare or furnish ballot labels, federal
17 provisional ballots, federal provisional absentee ballots, or absentee ballots or fails
18 to allow a qualified voter to cast his or her vote on the machine as required of the
19 voter by this chapter shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 20 (4) Any election officer who knowingly and willfully violates any of the provisions of
21 this chapter, including failure to enforce the prohibition against electioneering
22 established by KRS 117.235, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first
23 offense and a Class D felony for each subsequent offense.
- 24 (5) Any person who signs a name other than his or her own on an application for an
25 absentee ballot, ~~or on~~ the verification form for the ballot, ~~or on~~ an emergency
26 absentee ballot affidavit, a voter or election official affirmation, or any person who
27 votes an absentee ballot other than the one issued in his or her name, or any person

1 who applies for the ballot for the use of anyone other than himself or herself or the
2 person designated by the provisions of this chapter, or any person who makes a
3 false statement on an application for an absentee ballot or on an emergency absentee
4 ballot affidavit shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

5 (6) Any person who violates any provision of KRS 117.235 or 117.236 related to
6 prohibited activities during absentee voting or on election day, after he or she has
7 been duly notified of the provisions by any precinct election officer, county clerk,
8 deputy county clerk, or other law enforcement official, shall, for each offense, be
9 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

10 (7) Any person who knowingly and willfully prepares or assists in the preparation of an
11 inaccurate or incomplete voter assistance form or fails to complete a voter
12 assistance form when required shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first
13 offense and a Class D felony for each subsequent offense; however, if a voter has
14 been permanently certified as requiring voting assistance, there shall be no offense
15 for the failure of the voter to complete the form.

16 (8) The members of a county board of elections who fail~~that fails~~ to provide the
17 training to precinct election officers required by KRS 117.187(2) shall be subject to
18 removal by the State Board of Elections.

19 (9) Any local or state election official, including the Secretary of State, employees of
20 the Secretary, and members of the State Board of Elections and their staff, who
21 knowingly and willfully uses the voter registration roster in violation of KRS
22 117.025(3)(a) shall, for each offense, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

23 ➔Section 27. KRS 118.015 is amended to read as follows:

24 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

25 (1) A "political party" is an affiliation or organization of electors representing a
26 political policy and having a constituted authority for its government and regulation,
27 and whose candidate received at least twenty percent (20%) of the total vote cast at

- 1 the last preceding election at which presidential electors were voted for;
- 2 (2) The word "election" used in reference to a state, district, county, or city election,
3 includes the decisions of questions submitted to the qualified voters as well as the
4 choice of officers by them;
- 5 (3) A "ballot" or "official ballot" means the voting machine ballot label, ballot cards,
6 paper ballots, an absentee ballot, *a federal provisional ballot, a federal provisional*
7 *absentee ballot*, or a supplemental paper ballot which has been authorized for the
8 use of the voters in any primary *or regular*~~[, general,]~~ or special election by the
9 Secretary of State or the county clerk;
- 10 (4) "Ballot label" means the cards, papers, booklet, pages, or other material on which
11 appear the names of candidates and the questions to be voted on by means of ballot
12 cards or voting machines;
- 13 (5) "Ballot card" means a tabulating card on which votes may be recorded by a voter by
14 use of a voting punch device or by marking with a pen or special marking device;
- 15 (6) "Voting machine" or "machine" shall include lever machines and, as far as
16 applicable, any electronic or electromechanical unit and supplies utilized or relied
17 upon by a voter in casting and recording his *or her* votes in an election;
- 18 (7) The word "resident" used in reference to a candidate in a state, district, county, or
19 city election shall mean actual resident, without regard to the residence of the
20 spouse of the candidate;
- 21 (8) "Political organization" means a political group not constituting a political party
22 within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received
23 two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for
24 presidential electors; and
- 25 (9) "Political group" means a political group not constituting a political party or a
26 political organization within the meaning of subsections (1) and (8) of this section.
- 27 ➔Section 28. KRS 118.305 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) Except as provided in KRS 118.345, and subject to the provisions of subsections
2 (2), (3), and (4) of this section, the county clerk of each county shall cause to be
3 printed for the voting machines and on the absentee ballots for the regular election
4 the names of the following persons:
- 5 (a) Candidates of a political party, as defined in KRS 118.015, who have received
6 certificates of nomination at the preceding primary, or certificates of
7 nomination under KRS 118.185, and whose certificates of nomination have
8 been filed with the Secretary of State or the appropriate county clerk;
- 9 (b) Candidates of a political party, as defined in KRS 118.015, who have been
10 nominated for an unexpired term in a manner determined by the governing
11 authority of the party, as provided in KRS 118.115, and whose evidences of
12 nomination have been filed with the Secretary of State or the appropriate
13 county clerk within the time prescribed in this chapter;
- 14 (c) Candidates of a political party, as defined in KRS 118.015, who have been
15 nominated by the governing authority of the party to fill a vacancy in the
16 candidacy of a person nominated at the preceding primary~~[-election]~~, as
17 provided in KRS 118.105, and whose certificates of nomination have been
18 filed with the Secretary of State or the appropriate county clerk, by at least the
19 date provided by the election law generally for such filing;
- 20 (d) Candidates who have been nominated by a political organization as provided
21 in KRS 118.325 and whose certificates or petitions of nomination have been
22 filed with the Secretary of State or the appropriate county clerk within the
23 time prescribed in this chapter;
- 24 (e) Independent candidates who have been nominated by petition as provided in
25 KRS 118.315, and whose petitions of nomination have been filed with the
26 Secretary of State or the appropriate county clerk within the time prescribed in
27 this chapter;

- 1 (f) Successful nominees of all nonpartisan primaries which shall have been
2 conducted;
- 3 (g) Candidates who have filed a petition of candidacy as shall be required to fill a
4 vacancy which shall appear on the ballot;
- 5 (h) The county clerk shall determine whether the name of any replacement
6 candidate who has been nominated as provided in KRS 118.105(5) may be
7 placed on the machine ballot or ballot cards and whether the voting machine
8 may be reprogrammed to count the votes cast for that candidate or whether the
9 ballot or ballot cards must be reprinted to accommodate votes cast for any
10 replacement candidate and shall take the appropriate action to accommodate
11 the replacement of any candidate. If the county clerk determines that the name
12 of any replacement candidate cannot be accommodated on the existing ballot
13 or ballot cards and if there is insufficient time before the election to reprint the
14 entire ballot, the county clerk shall request approval to use supplemental paper
15 ballots for voting for that office only in the same manner as permitted for
16 other situations as provided in KRS 118.215(5), and, if approved, shall have
17 an adequate number of supplemental paper ballots printed for voting for that
18 office and only votes cast for that office by means of the supplemental paper
19 ballots shall be tabulated and recorded by the precinct election officers and
20 county board of elections. All actions by a county clerk, the State Board of
21 Elections, and the Secretary of State which are necessary to provide for voting
22 at a regular election for candidates nominated pursuant to KRS 118.105(5)
23 shall be carried out with all possible speed. When a candidate has been
24 replaced as provided in KRS 118.105(5) after absentee and federal
25 provisional absentee ballots have been printed and distributed for the regular
26 election, neither the precinct election officers nor the county board of
27 elections shall tabulate or record any absentee or federal provisional absentee

- 1 votes cast for the candidate who was replaced. If ballots are reprinted or
2 supplemental paper ballots are printed, or if voting machines must be
3 reprogrammed to count the votes cast for a replacement candidate, the costs
4 for the printing and reprogramming shall be paid by the political party who
5 has nominated a replacement candidate, or proportionately by each political
6 party if each party nominates a replacement candidate;
- 7 (i) Candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, of those
8 political parties and organizations who have nominated presidential electors as
9 provided in KRS 118.325, if the certificate of nomination of the electors has
10 been filed with the Secretary of State within the time prescribed in this
11 chapter;
- 12 (j) Candidates for soil and water district supervisors who have been nominated
13 by petition as provided in KRS 262.210; and
- 14 (k) Candidates for city office for which no nonpartisan primary has been
15 conducted in a city which requires nonpartisan city elections.
- 16 (2) Any candidate for city office who is defeated in a partisan or nonpartisan primary
17 shall be ineligible as a candidate for the same office in the regular election.
- 18 (3) Candidates for members of boards of education shall have their names printed on
19 ballot labels and absentee ballots for the regular election only after filing as
20 provided in KRS 160.220.
- 21 (4) Except as provided in KRS 118.105 and 118.115, no candidate's name shall be
22 printed upon the ballot labels, *federal provisional ballots, federal provisional*
23 *absentee ballots,* and absentee ballots for any regular election as the nominee of any
24 political party, as defined in KRS 118.015, or under the emblem of any political
25 party, as so defined, except those candidates who have been duly and regularly
26 nominated as nominees of that party at a primary held as provided in this chapter.
- 27 (5) No county clerk shall knowingly cause to be printed, upon the ballot labels, *federal*

1 **provisional ballots, federal provisional absentee ballots,** or absentee ballots for any
2 regular election, the name of any candidate of a political party, as defined in KRS
3 118.015, who has not been nominated in the manner provided in the ~~primary~~
4 ~~election~~ laws **governing primaries** or the name of any candidate who is not in
5 compliance with the restrictions concerning party registration and candidacy
6 provided in of KRS 118.315(1).

7 (6) The names of candidates for President and Vice President shall be certified in lieu
8 of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

9 (7) When a vacancy occurs in an elective office which is required by law to be filled
10 temporarily by appointment, the officer or body designated by law to make the
11 appointment, or in the case of an office to be filled by appointment from a list of
12 nominations, the officer or body designated by law to make the nominations, shall
13 immediately notify in writing both the county clerk and Secretary of State of the
14 vacancy.

15 (8) A judge who elected to retire as a Senior Status Special Judge in accordance with
16 KRS 21.580 shall not become a candidate or a nominee for any elected office
17 during the five (5) year term prescribed in KRS 21.580(1)(a)1., regardless of the
18 number of days served by the judge acting as a Senior Status Special Judge.

19 ➔Section 29. KRS 118.405 is amended to read as follows:

20 No candidate's name shall appear on any voting machine, **federal provisional ballot,**
21 **federal provisional absentee ballot,** or absentee ballot more than once, except that a
22 candidate's name may appear twice if he **or she** is a candidate for a primary or a regular
23 election and also a candidate to fill a vacancy in the same office required to be filled at a
24 special election, when the special election to fill a vacancy is scheduled for the regular
25 election day.

26 ➔Section 30. KRS 119.005 is amended to read as follows:

27 (1) A "ballot" or "official ballot" means the voting machine ballot label, ballot cards,

1 paper ballots, an absentee ballot, a special ballot, *a federal provisional ballot, a*
2 *federal provisional absentee ballot*, or a supplemental paper ballot which has been
3 authorized for the use of the voters in any primary *or regular*~~[, general]~~ or special
4 election by the Secretary of State or the county clerk;

5 (2) "Ballot label" means the cards, papers, booklet, pages or other material on which
6 appear the names of candidates and the questions to be voted on by means of ballot
7 cards or voting machines;

8 (3) "Ballot card" means a tabulating card on which votes may be recorded by a voter by
9 use of a voting punch device or by marking with a pen or special marking device;

10 (4) "Voting machine" or "machine" shall include lever machines and, as far as
11 applicable, any electronic or electromechanical unit and supplies utilized or relied
12 upon by a voter in casting and recording his *or her* vote in an election.

13 ➔Section 31. KRS 120.005 is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) A "ballot" or "official ballot" means the voting machine ballot label, ballot cards,
15 paper ballots, an absentee ballot, a special ballot, *a federal provisional ballot, a*
16 *federal provisional absentee ballot*, or a supplemental paper ballot which has been
17 authorized for the use of the voters in any primary *or regular*~~[, general]~~ or special
18 election by the Secretary of State or the county clerk;

19 (2) "Ballot label" means the cards, papers, booklet, pages or other material on which
20 appear the names of candidates and the questions to be voted on by means of ballot
21 cards or voting machines;

22 (3) "Ballot card" means a tabulating card on which votes may be recorded by a voter by
23 use of a voting punch device or by marking with a pen or special marking device;

24 (4) "Voting machine" or "machine" shall include lever machines and, as far as
25 applicable, any electronic or electromechanical unit and supplies utilized or relied
26 upon by a voter in casting and recording his vote in an election.

27 ➔Section 32. KRS 186.531 is amended to read as follows:

1 (1) As used in this section:

2 (a) "AOC Fund" means the circuit court clerk salary account created in KRS
3 27A.052;

4 (b) "GF" means the general fund;

5 (c) "IP" means instruction permit;

6 (d) "License Fund" means the KYTC photo license account created in KRS
7 174.056;

8 (e) "MC" means motorcycle;

9 (f) "MC Fund" means the motorcycle safety education program fund established
10 in KRS 15A.358;

11 (g) "OL" means operator's license; and

12 (h) "PIDC" means personal identification card.

13 (2) The fees imposed for voluntary travel ID operator's licenses, instruction permits,
14 and personal identification cards shall be as follows. The fees received shall be
15 distributed as shown in the table. The fees shown, unless otherwise noted, are for an
16 eight (8) year period:

17 Card	Fee	Road	License	AOC	GF	MC
18 Type		Fund	Fund	Fund		Fund
19 OL						
20 (initial/renewal)	\$48	\$31	\$7	\$10	\$0	\$0
21 OL (Under 21)						
22 (Up to 4 years)	\$18	\$8.50	\$5	\$4.50	\$0	\$0
23 Any OL, MC OL						
24 or combination						
25 (duplicate /corrected)	\$15	\$5.25	\$4	\$4	\$1.75	\$0
26 Motor vehicle IP						
27 (3 years)	\$18	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$2	\$0

1	Motorcycle IP						
2	(1 year)	\$18	\$6	\$5	\$2	\$1	\$4
3	Motorcycle OL						
4	(initial/renewal)	\$48	\$19.50	\$9	\$9.50	\$0	\$10
5	Combination						
6	vehicle/MC OL						
7	(initial/renewal)	\$58	\$28	\$7	\$13	\$0	\$10
8	PIDC						
9	(initial/renewal)	\$28	\$11	\$8	\$6	\$3	\$0
10	PIDC						
11	(duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$6	\$4	\$3.50	\$1.50	\$0

12 (3) **Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section,** the fees imposed for standard
 13 operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards shall be as
 14 follows. The fees received shall be distributed as shown in the table. The fees
 15 shown, unless otherwise noted, are for an eight (8) year period:

16	Card	Fee	Road	License	AOC	GF	MC
17	Type		Fund	Fund	Fund		Fund
18	OL						
19	(initial/renewal)	\$43	\$28	\$7	\$8	\$0	\$0
20	OL (Under 21)						
21	(Up to 4 years)	\$15	\$7.50	\$4	\$3.50	\$0	\$0
22	Any OL, MC OL						
23	or combination						
24	(duplicate /corrected)	\$15	\$5.25	\$4	\$4	\$1.75	\$0
25	Motor vehicle IP						
26	(3 years)	\$15	\$5	\$4	\$4	\$2	\$0
27	Motorcycle IP						

1	(1 year)	\$15	\$5	\$4	\$1	\$1	\$4
2	Motorcycle OL						
3	(initial/renewal)	\$43	\$17.50	\$8	\$7.50	\$0	\$10
4	Combination						
5	vehicle/MC OL						
6	(initial/renewal)	\$53	\$25	\$7	\$11	\$0	\$10
7	PIDC						
8	(initial/renewal)	\$23	\$8	\$8	\$4	\$3	\$0
9	PIDC						
10	(duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$6	\$4	\$3.50	\$1.50	\$0
11	PIDC						
12	(no fixed address)						
13	KRS 186.4122(5) and						
14	186.4123(5)	\$10	\$0	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$0

15 (4) The fee for a second or subsequent duplicate personal identification card for a
 16 person who does not have a fixed, permanent address, as allowed under KRS
 17 186.4122(5) and 186.4123(5), shall be the same as for a duplicate regular personal
 18 identification card.

19 (5) The fee for a four (4) year original or renewal license issued pursuant to KRS
 20 186.4101 shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount shown in subsections (2) and
 21 (3) of this section. The distribution of fees shown in subsections (2) and (3) of this
 22 section shall also be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for licenses that are issued for
 23 four (4) years.

24 (6) Any fee for any identity document applied for using alternative technology under
 25 KRS 186.410 and 186.4122 shall be distributed in the same manner as a document
 26 applied for with the circuit clerk.

27 (7) (a) An applicant for an original or renewal operator's license, commercial driver's

1 license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal identification card shall be
2 requested by the clerk to make a donation to promote an organ donor program.

3 (b) A donation under this subsection shall be two dollars (\$2) for any license or
4 card with an eight (8) year term, and one dollar (\$1) for any license or card
5 with a term of less than eight (8) years.

6 (c) The donation under this subsection shall be added to the regular fee for an
7 original or renewal motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's
8 license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal identification card. One (1)
9 donation may be made per issuance or renewal of a license or any
10 combination thereof.

11 (d) The fee shall be paid to the circuit clerk and shall be forwarded by the clerk on
12 a monthly basis to the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life, and such
13 moneys are hereby appropriated to be used exclusively for the purpose of
14 promoting an organ donor program. A donation under this subsection shall be
15 voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of issuance or
16 renewal.

17 (8) In addition to the fees outlined in this section, the following individuals, upon
18 application for an initial or renewal operator's license, instruction permit, or
19 personal identification card, shall pay an additional application fee of thirty dollars
20 (\$30), which shall be deposited in the road fund:

21 (a) An applicant who is not a United States citizen or permanent resident and who
22 applies under KRS 186.4121 or 186.4123; or

23 (b) An applicant who is applying for a instruction permit, operator's license, or
24 personal identification card without a photo under KRS 186.4102(9).

25 **(9) There shall be no fee assessed for the initial, renewal, or duplicate standard**
26 **personal identification card to an individual, if the individual:**

27 **(a) Does not possess a valid operator's license or a commercial driver's license;**

1 and

2 (b) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the day of the next regular
3 election.

4 ➔Section 33. KRS 117.035 is amended to read as follows:

- 5 (1) There shall be a county board of elections, which shall, at the direction and under
6 the supervision of the State Board of Elections, administer the election laws and the
7 registration and purgation of voters within the county.
- 8 (2) (a) The board shall consist of the county clerk, the sheriff, and two (2) members
9 appointed by the State Board of Elections not later than July 1 following the
10 election of persons to statewide office, for a term of four (4) years and until
11 their successors are appointed.
- 12 (b) The sheriff shall not serve on the board during any year in which he or she is a
13 candidate, but shall recommend to the board a temporary replacement to serve
14 in his or her place. If the sheriff cannot serve because he or she is sick,
15 injured, or otherwise incapacitated, he or she may recommend a temporary
16 replacement to serve in his or her place until the sheriff may resume his or her
17 duties or a vacancy in office is declared.
- 18 (c) The county clerk may, at his or her option, continue to serve on the board
19 during a year in which he or she is a candidate. If the clerk elects not to serve,
20 he or she shall recommend a temporary replacement to serve in his or her
21 place. If the county clerk cannot serve because he or she is sick, injured, or
22 otherwise incapacitated, he or she may recommend a temporary replacement
23 to serve in his or her place until the county clerk may resume his or her duties
24 or a vacancy in office is declared.
- 25 (d) 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 61.080, service on the board of
26 elections shall be compatible with the holding of any other county or city
27 office.

- 1 2. The members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, qualified
2 voters in the county from which they are appointed, and shall not have
3 been convicted of any election law offense.
- 4 3. One (1) member shall be appointed from a list of five (5) names
5 submitted by the county executive committee of each political party as
6 defined in KRS 118.015. If there are two (2) or more contending
7 executive committees of the same political party in any county, the one
8 recognized by the written certificate of the chair of the state central
9 committee of the political party shall be the one authorized to submit the
10 lists.
- 11 4. If the State Board of Elections does not receive the list as required by
12 subparagraph 3. of this paragraph for each political party for each county
13 by the deadline established in paragraph (a) of this subsection or within
14 one (1) month of a vacancy, then the chair of the state central
15 committees for the political parties may submit lists of five (5) names of
16 qualified residents from the remaining counties by August 1 following
17 the election of persons to statewide office or within two (2) months of a
18 vacancy.
- 19 5. If the State Board of Elections does not receive a list from either the
20 county executive committee under subparagraph 3. of this paragraph or
21 the chair of the state executive committee under subparagraph 4. of this
22 paragraph, then the State Board of Elections shall appoint a qualified
23 resident from the county at its next regularly scheduled meeting in
24 September following the election of persons to statewide office or
25 within three (3) months of a vacancy.
- 26 6. A member appointed by the State Board of Elections may be removed
27 by the State Board of Elections for cause.

- 1 7. A member appointed by the State Board of Elections may be removed
2 by the State Board of Elections upon a request approved by a two-thirds
3 (2/3) vote of the full membership of the county executive committee that
4 submitted the member's name. The county executive shall provide
5 conclusive evidence of the committee's membership and evidence of the
6 committee's two-thirds (2/3) vote before the State Board of Elections
7 removes any member appointed by the State Board of Elections.
- 8 8. If an appointee is temporarily unable to act, a temporary appointee shall
9 be named by the State Board of Elections. A temporary appointee shall
10 serve until the original appointee notifies the State Board of Elections
11 that he or she is able to resume his or her term.
- 12 9. A member appointed by the State Board of Elections shall not serve on
13 the board if he or she is a candidate for public office, and the member
14 shall resign upon filing papers to become a candidate for public office or
15 shall be removed from office by the State Board of Elections. A member
16 who resigns or is removed because of his or her candidacy shall not
17 resume his or her term following the completion of the candidacy.
- 18 10. Vacancies and temporary vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
19 provided for original appointments, and the person appointed to fill the
20 vacancy or temporary vacancy shall be of the same political party as his
21 or her predecessor.
- 22 (e) Compensation and payment of actual expenses of members shall be set by the
23 fiscal court either as an amount payable on an annual basis, or as an amount
24 payable on a per diem basis of not less than fifteen dollars (\$15) nor more than
25 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day the board meets.
- 26 (3) A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. The county clerk shall serve as
27 chair of the meetings and may vote. In case of a tie, the chair may cast an additional

1 vote. Records shall be kept of all proceedings, and the records shall be public and
2 kept at the office of the county clerk.

3 (4) The board shall meet as follows:

4 (a) During years in which a primary or regular election is scheduled, the board
5 shall meet at least once every other month and may meet more frequently if
6 necessary upon the call of the chair or upon written agreement of two (2) or
7 more members of the board. The call shall provide notice as prescribed by
8 KRS 61.823.

9 (b) During years in which no primary or regular election is scheduled, the board
10 shall meet at the call of the chair or upon written agreement of two (2) or more
11 members of the board. The call shall provide notice as prescribed by KRS
12 61.823.

13 (c) The board shall meet and stay in session on primary, regular election, and
14 special election days to correct clerical errors, to~~and~~ rule on questions
15 regarding voter registration and proof of identification, and may make to the
16 election officers such certifications as may be necessary. On primary, regular
17 election, and special election days, appeals may be made to a Circuit Judge,
18 but a ruling of the board shall be reversed only upon a finding that it was
19 arbitrary and capricious.

20 (5) The board may employ, on a bipartisan basis, a staff sufficient to carry out the
21 duties assigned to the board.