

1 AN ACT relating to elections.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 117.025 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The **chief election official**~~[State Board of Elections]~~ shall appoint an executive  
5 director, who shall be the chief administrative officer for the board. The **chief**  
6 **election official**~~[board]~~ shall also appoint an assistant director, who shall be of a  
7 different political party than the director. The salaries of the director and the  
8 assistant director shall be set by the board.

9 (2) The State Board of Elections shall employ, on a bipartisan basis, a staff sufficient to  
10 carry out the duties assigned to the board, including legal counsel and a training  
11 officer to provide assistance to the county clerks and the county boards of elections  
12 in their training of precinct election officers.

13 (3) The board shall:

14 (a) Maintain a complete roster of all qualified registered voters within the state by  
15 county and precinct, and institute appropriate safeguards to ensure that there is  
16 no inappropriate use of the voter registration roster. State and local election  
17 officials, including the Secretary of State, employees of the Secretary, and  
18 members of the State Board of Elections and their staff, shall only use the  
19 voter registration roster for purposes relevant to their prescribed duties of  
20 election administration. The Secretary of State, and two (2) employees of the  
21 Secretary, who may be designated by the Secretary with explicit written  
22 authority and notification to the board, shall have electronic access to the  
23 information contained within the voter registration roster, but shall not  
24 correct, alter, or delete information from the voter registration roster, unless  
25 having obtained prior approval by a majority of the voting members of the  
26 board;

27 (b) For each primary, furnish each county clerk with a master list of all registered

- 1 voters in the county, together with three (3) signature rosters of all registered  
2 voters in each precinct of the county according to party affiliation, and two (2)  
3 lists of all registered voters in each precinct of the county at least eighteen  
4 (18) days prior to each primary;
- 5 (c) For each regular election, furnish each county clerk with a master list of all  
6 registered voters in the county, together with one (1) signature roster of all  
7 registered voters in each precinct of the county on which each voter's party  
8 affiliation is identified, and two (2) lists of all registered voters in each  
9 precinct of the county at least eighteen (18) days prior to each regular  
10 election;
- 11 (d) Select the required format for any voter registration list provided to a county  
12 clerk including those intended for use in an e-poll book product;
- 13 (e) Maintain all information furnished to the board relating to the inclusion or  
14 deletion of names from the rosters for four (4) years;
- 15 (f) Furnish, at a reasonable price, the state central executive committee of each  
16 political party qualifying under KRS 118.015 monthly data of all additions,  
17 deletions and changes of registration in each precinct of each county and the  
18 state central executive committee shall furnish a county listing to each of the  
19 county executive committees of each political party;
- 20 (g) Purchase, lease, or contract for the use of equipment necessary to properly  
21 carry out its duties under the provisions of this chapter and KRS Chapters 116  
22 and 118;
- 23 (h) Secure information from any source which may assist the board in carrying  
24 out the purposes of this section;
- 25 (i) Furnish at a reasonable price any and all precinct lists to duly qualified  
26 candidates, political party committees or officials thereof, or any committee  
27 that advocates or opposes an amendment or public question. The State Board

1 of Elections may also furnish the precinct lists to other persons at the board's  
2 discretion, at a reasonable price to be determined by the board. The board  
3 shall not furnish precinct lists to persons who intend to use the lists for  
4 commercial use; and

5 (j) Be responsible for oversight of board personnel, including hiring,  
6 investigations, disciplinary actions, promotions, and other like actions subject  
7 to KRS Chapter 18A.

8 ➔Section 2. KRS 117.345 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) The cost of all elections held in any county shall be allowed by the fiscal court or  
10 legislative body of any urban-county government, charter county, consolidated  
11 local government, or unified local government and paid by the county treasurer,  
12 except as otherwise provided by law.

13 (2) When the cost of any election has been allowed by the fiscal court or legislative  
14 body of any urban-county government, charter county, consolidated local  
15 government, or unified local government and paid by the county treasurer, within  
16 sixty (60) days following the date of the election, the county treasurer shall certify a  
17 statement of the number of voting locations~~[precincts]~~ in the county, the date, and  
18 kind of election to the State Board of Elections, including an election that was  
19 delayed or postponed in accordance with KRS 39A.100. The certification shall be  
20 filed within ninety (90) days after the election. Upon receipt of the certification and  
21 upon being satisfied as to the correctness thereof, the State Board of Elections shall  
22 issue its warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of the county treasurer for the  
23 amount of two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$255) for each voting location~~[precinct]~~  
24 in the county.

25 (3) Payments to any county under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall  
26 be terminated if and whenever it fails to renew a lease, contract, or lease and option  
27 with the Finance and Administration Cabinet executed in connection with the

1        acquisition of voting systems by the cabinet for the use of the county; and payments  
2        to any county shall be terminated whenever the county fails to pay any part of the  
3        rentals required for any effective period of the lease or if a county board of  
4        elections fails to provide training to precinct election officers required by KRS  
5        117.187(2). As used in this subsection, "county" includes urban-county  
6        government, charter county government, consolidated local government, and  
7        unified local government.