

1 AN ACT relating to voting.

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

3 →Section 1. KRS 117.085 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) **(a) 1.** All requests for an application for a mail-in absentee ballot may be
5 transmitted by telephone, facsimile machine, by mail, by electronic mail,
6 or in person. The county clerk shall transmit all ***requested*** applications
7 for a mail-in absentee ballot to the voter by mail, electronic mail, or in
8 person at the option of the voter, except as provided in paragraph
9 ~~(c)~~~~(b)~~ of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in KRS
10 117.077, the mail-in absentee ballot application may be requested by the
11 voter or the spouse, parents, or children of the voter, but shall be
12 restricted to the use of the voter.

13 **2. In lieu of requesting an application for a mail-in absentee ballot, a**
14 **voter may apply for a mail-in absentee ballot through a secure online**
15 **portal established by the State Board of Elections in administrative**
16 **regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A. The secure online**
17 **portal shall have the capacity to ensure verification of the identity of**
18 **the voter through an identity document, as defined in KRS 186.010, on**
19 **file with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. If a voter does not have**
20 **an identity document on file with the Kentucky Transportation**
21 **Cabinet, the voter may confirm his or her identity as required under**
22 **KRS 117.227 by completing the voter's affirmation required under**
23 **KRS 117.228 and provided on the secure online portal.**

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

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

1 post-card application, which may be transmitted to the county clerk's office by
2 mail, by facsimile machine, or by means of the electronic transmission system
3 established under KRS 117A.030(4). The federal post-card application may be
4 used to register, reregister, and to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot. If the
5 federal post-card application is received at any time not less than seven (7)
6 days before the election, the county clerk shall affix his or her seal to the
7 application form upon receipt.

8 ~~(d)~~~~(e)~~ In-person absentee voting shall be conducted in the county clerk's office
9 or other place designated by the county board of elections and approved by the
10 State Board of Elections during normal business hours for at least the twelve
11 (12) working days before the election. A county board of elections may permit
12 in-person absentee voting to be conducted~~[on a voting machine]~~ for a period
13 longer than the twelve (12) working days before the election.

14 ~~(e)~~~~(d)~~ A qualified voter may, at any time during normal business hours on
15 those days in-person absentee voting is conducted in the county clerk's office,
16 make application in person to the county clerk to vote~~[on a voting machine]~~
17 in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of
18 elections and approved by the State Board of Elections, if the voter provides
19 proof of identification as defined in KRS 117.375 or meets the requirements
20 of KRS 117.228 and 117.229, and the voter:

- 21 1. Is a resident of Kentucky who is a covered voter as defined in KRS
22 117A.010, who will be absent from the county of his or her residence on
23 any election day;
- 24 2. Is a student who temporarily resides outside the county of his or her
25 residence;
- 26 3. Has surgery, or whose spouse has surgery, scheduled that will require
27 hospitalization on election day;

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

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

19 ~~(h)~~~~(g)~~ The members of the county board of elections or their designees who
20 provide equal representation of both political parties may serve as precinct
21 election officers, without compensation, for all in-person absentee voting
22 performed~~[on a voting machine]~~ in the county clerk's office or other place
23 designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board
24 of Elections. If the members of the county board of elections or their
25 designees serve as precinct election officers for the in-person absentee voting,
26 they shall perform the same duties and exercise the same authority as precinct
27 election officers who serve on the day of an election. If the members of the

1 county board of elections or their designees do not serve as precinct election
 2 officers for in-person absentee voting, the county clerk or deputy county clerks
 3 shall supervise the in-person absentee voting.

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

10 (2) The county clerk shall type the name of the voter permitted to vote by mail-in
 11 absentee ballot on the mail-in absentee ballot application form for that person's use
 12 and no other. The mail-in absentee ballot application form shall be:

13 ~~(a) Established~~~~In the form prescribed~~ by the State Board of Elections in
 14 administrative regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A,
 15 and~~which~~ shall include the voter affirmation form as prescribed in KRS
 16 117.228(1)(c), a printed notice of the actual penalty provisions in KRS
 17 117.995(2) and (3)~~, shall bear the seal of the county clerk~~, and shall contain
 18 the following information:

- 19 1. Name of the voter~~;~~
- 20 2. Residential address~~;~~
- 21 3. Precinct~~;~~
- 22 4. Party affiliation~~;~~
- 23 5. Statement of the reason the person cannot vote in person on election
 24 day~~;~~
- 25 6. Statement of where the voter shall be on election day~~;~~
- 26 7. Statement of compliance with residency requirements for voting in the
 27 precinct~~;~~

1 8. An instructional statement prescribing the requirements for providing a
 2 copy of the voter's proof of identification or voter affirmation when
 3 applicable;~~[-]~~ and

4 9. The voter's mailing address for a mail-in absentee ballot;~~[-]~~

5 **(b)** ~~[-The mail-in absentee ballot application form shall be -]~~ Verified and signed by
 6 the voter; **and**~~[-]~~

7 **(c)** **Returned to the county clerk either by mail or in-person with**~~[-and the voter~~
 8 ~~shall provide]~~ a copy of **the voter's**~~[-his or her]~~ proof of identification, as
 9 defined in KRS 117.375, or the executed voter affirmation as described in
 10 KRS 117.228(1)(c).~~[- A notice of the actual penalty provisions in KRS~~
 11 ~~117.995(2) and (5) shall be printed on the mail-in absentee ballot application~~
 12 ~~form.]~~

13 (3) (a) If the county clerk finds that the voter is properly registered as stated in his or
 14 her mail-in absentee ballot application form and qualifies to receive a mail-in
 15 absentee ballot by mail, **the clerk**~~[-he or she]~~ shall mail to the voter a mail-in
 16 absentee ballot, two (2) official envelopes for returning the mail-in absentee
 17 ballot, and instructions for voting.

18 (b) **1. a.** The county clerk shall complete a postal form for a certificate of
 19 mailing for mail-in absentee ballots mailed within the fifty (50)
 20 states, and it shall be stamped by the postal service when the mail-
 21 in absentee ballots are mailed; **or**

22 **b.** **The county clerk may use Intelligent Mail barcodes or other**
 23 **methods of tracking all mail-in absentee ballots as may be**
 24 **established by the State Board of Elections in administrative**
 25 **regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A in lieu of the**
 26 **postal form.**

27 2. A mail-in absentee ballot may be transmitted by facsimile machine or by

1 the electronic transmission system established under KRS 117A.030(4)
2 to a covered voter as defined in KRS 117A.010. The covered voter shall
3 be notified of the options for transmittal of the mail-in absentee ballot,
4 and the mail-in absentee ballot shall be transmitted by the method
5 chosen for receipt by the resident of Kentucky who is a covered voter.

6 (4) Mail-in absentee ballots which are requested prior to the printing of the mail-in
7 absentee ballots shall be mailed or otherwise transmitted as provided in subsection
8 (3) of this section by the county clerk to the voter within three (3) days of the receipt
9 of the printed ballots. Mail-in absentee ballots requested after the receipt of the
10 ballots by the county clerk shall be mailed or otherwise transmitted as provided in
11 subsection (3) of this section to the voter within three (3) days of the receipt of the
12 request.

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

16 (6) The outer envelope shall bear the words "Absentee Ballot" and the address and
17 official title of the county clerk and shall provide space for the voter's signature,
18 voting address, precinct number, and signatures of two (2) witnesses if the voter
19 signs the form with the use of a mark instead of the voter's signature. A detachable
20 flap on the secrecy envelope shall provide space for the voter's signature, voting
21 address, precinct number, signatures of two (2) witnesses if the voter signs the form
22 with the use of a mark instead of the voter's signature and notice of penalty provided
23 in KRS 117.995(5). The county clerk shall type the voter's address and precinct
24 number in the upper left hand corner of the outer envelope and of the detachable
25 flap on the secrecy envelope immediately below the blank space for the voter's
26 signature. The secrecy envelope shall be blank. The county clerk shall retain the
27 voter's mail-in ballot application form, which shall include the photographed copy

1 of the voter's proof of identification or the voter affirmation as prescribed by KRS
 2 117.228(1)(c), and the postal form or Intelligent Mail barcode required by
 3 subsection (3) of this section for twenty-two (22) months after the primary or
 4 election.

5 (7) (a) Any person who has received a mail-in absentee ballot by mail, and who has
 6 not voted pursuant to KRS 117.086, may cancel his or her ballot and vote in
 7 person at the polls on election day. Before voting in person the absent voter
 8 shall:

9 1. Return the mail-in absentee ballot to the county clerk's office no later
 10 than 4 p.m., prevailing time, on the day prior to the date of the
 11 primary or election; or

12 2. Return the mail-in absentee ballot to an election officer in the precinct
 13 where the voter is properly registered on election day during those
 14 hours the polls are open. [~~but who knows at least seven (7) days before~~

15 ~~the date of the election that he or she will be in his or her county of~~
 16 ~~residence on election day and who has not voted pursuant to the~~
 17 ~~provisions of KRS 117.086 shall cancel his or her mail-in absentee~~
 18 ~~ballot and vote in person. The voter shall return the mail-in absentee~~
 19 ~~ballot to the county clerk's office no later than seven (7) days prior to the~~
 20 ~~date of the election.]~~

21 (b) Upon the return of the mail-in absentee ballot to the county clerk's office, the
 22 county clerk shall mark on the outer envelope of the sealed ballot or the
 23 unmarked ballot the words "Canceled because voter appeared to vote in
 24 person." Sealed envelopes so marked shall not be opened. The county clerk
 25 shall remove the voter's name from the list of persons who were sent mail-in
 26 absentee ballots, and the voter may vote in the precinct in which he or she is
 27 properly registered.

1 (c) Upon the return of the mail-in absentee ballot to an election officer at the
2 precinct where the voter is properly registered on election day, the election
3 officer shall contact the county clerk and verify to the clerk the return of the
4 mail-in absentee ballot, and the county clerk shall remove the voter's name
5 from the list of persons who were sent mail-in absentee ballots. The county
6 clerk shall then confirm to the election officer that the voter may vote in the
7 precinct in which he or she is properly registered. Upon the county clerk's
8 authorization, the election officer shall mark on the outer envelope of the
9 sealed ballot or the unmarked ballot the words "Canceled because voter
10 appeared to vote in person." Sealed envelopes so marked shall not be
11 opened.

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

24 (b) 1. Any qualified voter who requested but did not receive a mail-in
25 absentee ballot before election day, or who is unable to return a
26 received mail-in absentee ballot to the county clerk or to an election
27 officer may vote in person in the precinct in which he or she is

- 1 properly registered if the voter executes, in the presence of the election
 2 officer, a voter's affirmation, on a form prescribed by the State Board
 3 of Elections in administrative regulations promulgated under KRS
 4 Chapter 13A, affirming:
- 5 a. The voter requested but did not receive a mail-in absentee ballot;
 6 b. The voter has not voted and will not vote in any other precinct or
 7 in any other manner; and
 8 c. The voter understands that making a false statement on the
 9 affirmation is punishable under penalties of perjury, and that
 10 voting more than once in a primary or election is a Class D
 11 felony.
- 12 2. Upon receipt of the executed voter's affirmation, the election officer
 13 shall contact the county clerk and verify to the clerk the execution of
 14 the voter's affirmation, and the county clerk shall remove the voter's
 15 name from the list of persons who were sent mail-in absentee ballots.
 16 The county clerk shall then confirm to the election officer that the
 17 voter may vote in the precinct in which he or she is properly
 18 registered.
- 19 3. The voter affirmation executed under this paragraph shall be
 20 processed in the same manner as an oath of voter prescribed by KRS
 21 117.245.

- 22 (9) (a) Any covered voter as defined in KRS 117A.010 who has received a mail-in
 23 absentee ballot but who knows that he or she will be in the county on election
 24 day and who has not voted pursuant to the provisions of KRS 117.086 shall
 25 cancel his or her mail-in absentee ballot and vote in person. The voter shall
 26 return the mail-in absentee ballot to the county clerk's office on or before
 27 election day. Upon the return of the mail-in absentee ballot, the county clerk

1 shall mark on the outer envelope of the sealed mail-in absentee ballot or the
 2 unmarked mail-in absentee ballot the words "Canceled because voter appeared
 3 to vote in person." Sealed envelopes so marked shall not be opened.

4 **(b)** If the covered voter is unable to return the mail-in absentee ballot to the
 5 county clerk's office on or before election day, at the time he or she votes in
 6 person, he or she shall sign ~~the~~^a written ~~affirmation~~^{oath} as **required**
 7 **under paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of this section**~~to his or her~~
 8 ~~qualifications on the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections pursuant~~
 9 ~~to KRS 117.245~~. The county clerk shall remove the **covered** voter's name
 10 from the list of persons who were sent mail-in absentee ballots, provide the
 11 **covered** voter with written authorization to vote at the precinct, **or confirm to**
 12 **the election officer that the covered voter may vote**, and the **covered** voter
 13 may vote in the precinct in which he or she is properly registered. **The voter**
 14 **affirmation executed under this subsection shall be processed in the same**
 15 **manner as an oath of voter prescribed by KRS 117.245.**

16 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to
 17 61.884, the information contained in an application for a mail-in absentee ballot
 18 shall not be made public until after the close of business hours on the election day
 19 for which the application applies. This subsection shall not prohibit at any time the
 20 disclosure, upon request, of the total number of applications for mail-in absentee
 21 ballots that have been filed, or the disclosure to the Secretary of State or the State
 22 Board of Elections, if requested or if otherwise required by law, of any information
 23 in an application for a mail-in absentee ballot.

24 ➔Section 2. KRS 14.312 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) A program participant who is otherwise qualified to vote may register to vote and
 26 apply for and submit a mail-in absentee ballot under this section.

27 (2) Using the authority granted under KRS 14.318(1), the State Board of Elections shall

1 design a system allowing a county clerk to shield from public view all voting
2 records of a program participant, including the name and address of a program
3 participant, and allowing a program participant to vote by mail-in absentee ballot.
4 This authority may be used to modify statutory or regulatory requirements that
5 would lead to disclosure of the program participant's name and address, but shall
6 not include authority to waive or modify any other requirements relative to the
7 program participant's qualifications to vote, including age and geographic residency.

8 (3) The program participant may receive mail-in absentee ballots for all elections in the
9 jurisdiction in which that individual resides in the same manner as a person
10 requesting an absentee ballot under KRS 117.085~~[(1)(a)]~~. The county clerk shall
11 transmit a mail-in absentee ballot to the program participant at the address
12 designated by the participant in his or her application.

13 (4) Neither the name nor the address of a program participant shall be included in any
14 list of registered voters available to the public, including any list inspected under
15 KRS 116.095.

16 ➔Section 3. KRS 117.165 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) Upon completing the preparation of the machines in accordance with the provisions
18 of KRS 117.155, and not later than the Thursday preceding the day of the election,
19 the county clerk shall notify the members of the county board of elections that the
20 machines are ready for use. The board shall thereupon convene at the office of the
21 county clerk, not later than the Friday preceding the day of the election, and
22 examine the machines to determine whether the requirements of KRS 117.155 have
23 been met. The county board of elections shall publish notice, in accordance with
24 KRS 424.130(1)(d), at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time when the
25 machines are to be examined by the board. If found in proper order, the members of
26 the county board of elections shall endorse their approval in the book in which the
27 county clerk has entered the numbers of the machines opposite the numbers of the

1 precincts. The clerk shall then deliver all of the keys to the machines to the county
2 board of elections who shall give a receipt for the keys which shall contain
3 identification of the keys. Not later than one (1) hour before the time set for the
4 opening of the polls, the board shall deliver all election supplies including the
5 precinct list, tabulation sheets, and the key to the device covering the registering
6 counters and other keys necessary for the operation of the machine in registering
7 votes, to the election officers of the precinct in which the machine is being used,
8 who shall give the board a receipt containing identification of the keys. The master
9 key and all other keys shall remain in the possession of the county board of
10 elections.

11 (2) Not later than four (4) business days preceding the date set by the county board of
12 elections to conduct absentee voting in accordance with KRS 117.085~~[(1)(c)]~~, the
13 county clerk shall notify the members of the county board of elections that the
14 voting machines designated for use during absentee voting are ready for use. The
15 board shall thereupon convene at the office of the county clerk, not later than three
16 (3) business days preceding the date set by the county board of elections to conduct
17 absentee voting, and examine the machines to determine whether the requirements
18 of KRS 117.155 have been met. The county board of elections shall publish notice,
19 in accordance with KRS 424.130(1)(d), at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance
20 of the time when the absentee voting machines are to be examined by the board. If
21 found in proper order, the members of the county board of elections shall endorse
22 their approval in the book in which the county clerk has entered the identification
23 number of the machines designated for use during absentee voting.

24 (3) Any candidate, one (1) representative of each political party having candidates to be
25 voted for at the election, and representatives of the news media may be present
26 when the examination of the machines is made by the county board of elections.

27 ➔Section 4. KRS 117.235 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) No person, other than the election officers, challengers, person assisting voters in
2 accordance with KRS 117.255(3), and a minor child in the company of a voter, shall
3 be permitted within the voting room while the vote is being polled, except as
4 follows:
- 5 (a) For the purpose of voting;
 - 6 (b) By authority of the election officers to keep order and enforce the law;
 - 7 (c) With the express approval of the county board of elections to repair or replace
8 voting equipment that is malfunctioning and to provide additional voting
9 equipment; or
 - 10 (d) At the voter's discretion, a minor child in the company of a voter may
11 accompany the voter into a voting booth or other private area provided for
12 casting a vote.
- 13 (2) No officer of election shall do any electioneering on election day.
- 14 (3) (a) No person shall electioneer at the polling place on the day of any election, as
15 established in KRS 118.025, within a distance of one hundred (100) feet of
16 any entrance to a building in which voting is conducted~~[a voting machine is~~
17 ~~located]~~ if that entrance is unlocked and is used by voters on election day.
- 18 (b) No person shall electioneer within the interior of a building or affix any
19 electioneering materials to the exterior or interior of a building where the
20 county clerk's office is located, or any building designated by the county board
21 of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections for absentee voting,
22 during the hours absentee voting is being conducted in the building by the
23 county clerk pursuant to KRS 117.085~~[(1)(e)]~~.
 - 24 (c) Electioneering shall include the displaying of signs, the distribution of
25 campaign literature, cards, or handbills, the soliciting of signatures to any
26 petition, or the solicitation of votes for or against any bona fide candidate or
27 ballot question in a manner which expressly advocates the election or defeat

1 of the candidate or expressly advocates the passage or defeat of the ballot
2 question, but shall not include exit polling, bumper stickers affixed to a
3 person's vehicle while parked within or passing through a distance of one
4 hundred (100) feet of any entrance to a building in which a voting machine is
5 located, private property as provided in subsection (7) of this section, or other
6 exceptions established by the State Board of Elections through the
7 promulgation of administrative regulations.

8 (4) No voter shall be permitted to converse with others while in any room in which
9 voting, including absentee voting, is conducted concerning their support or
10 nonsupport of any candidate, party, or issue to be voted on, except as provided in
11 KRS 117.255.

12 (5) Any precinct election officer, county clerk, deputy county clerk, or any law
13 enforcement official may enforce the election laws and maintain law and order at
14 the polls and within one hundred (100) feet of any entrance to the building in which
15 voting is conducted~~the voting machine is located~~ if that entrance is unlocked and
16 is used by voters. Assistance may be requested of any law enforcement officer.

17 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the State Board of
18 Elections may establish a program designed to instill in school children a respect for
19 the democratic principles of voting by conducting in any county a mock election for
20 school children in conjunction with any primary,~~or~~ regular election, or special
21 election. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate administrative regulations
22 regarding the mock elections to ensure~~insure~~ that the regular voting process will
23 not be impaired.

24 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, nothing in this
25 section shall prohibit the displaying of political campaign signs on private property
26 or private establishments by a person having a leased or ownership interest in that
27 private property or private establishment within the campaign-free zone, regardless

1 of the distance from the polling place. In the case of a polling location being on
2 private property that is leased or otherwise under contract for the purpose of serving
3 as a polling location, the provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall be
4 applicable to that leased or contracted-for private property.