

1 AN ACT relating to elections.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 45A IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Any contract entered into under this chapter related to election administration*  
6 *shall require the contractor to disclose in writing to the Attorney General and*  
7 *Secretary of State, within five (5) business days, the substance of any*  
8 *communication directed to the contractor or his or her employee, made by an*  
9 *entity or person from a foreign country, federal government agency, or federal*  
10 *official.*

11 *(2) An employee or governmental body shall not accept any private monetary funds*  
12 *to assist with election administration within this state unless entered into as a*  
13 *lawful contract for goods and services.*

14 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO  
15 READ AS FOLLOWS:

16 *(1) Any communication related to election administration made by an entity or*  
17 *person from a foreign country, federal government agency, or federal official to*  
18 *an employee or contractor of any city, county, urban-county government,*  
19 *consolidated local government, unified local government, or charter county*  
20 *government shall require the local government employee or contractor to*  
21 *disclose, within five (5) business days, the substance of the communication in*  
22 *writing to the Attorney General and Secretary of State.*

23 *(2) A city, county, urban-county government, consolidated local government, unified*  
24 *local government, or charter county government shall not accept any private*  
25 *monetary funds to assist with election administration within this state unless*  
26 *entered into as a lawful contract for goods and services.*

27 ➔Section 3. KRS 116.045 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) Any person may register as a voter during the period registration is open if he or she  
2 possesses, or will possess on the day of the next regular election, the qualifications  
3 set forth in KRS 116.025.
- 4 (2) The county clerk shall cause all registration to be closed the fourth Tuesday  
5 preceding through the first Monday following any primary or general election, and  
6 the twenty-eight (28) days prior to and seven (7) days following any special  
7 election. If the last day of registration falls on a state or federal holiday, the period  
8 runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday or Sunday nor a state or  
9 federal holiday. During the period that registration is closed, the county clerk may  
10 accept and process registrations. Any voter who registers during the period that  
11 registration is closed, except for any registered voter who transfers his or her  
12 registration pursuant to KRS 116.085(2) or (3), shall not be permitted to vote in the  
13 upcoming election.
- 14 (3) In all counties, the county clerk shall receive registrations, transfers, or changes of  
15 party affiliation at branch offices at any place in the county during those periods that  
16 the registration books are open except for those transfers pursuant to KRS  
17 116.085(2) or 116.085(3). However, notice in the manner provided by KRS Chapter  
18 424 shall be given at least three (3), but not more than fourteen (14), days in  
19 advance of the time and place of any branch registration, and ten (10) days' written  
20 notice shall be given to the county executive committee of each major political  
21 party in the county in which the branch registration is to be held.
- 22 (4) Any person may register to vote or may change his or her party affiliation in any of  
23 the following ways:
- 24 (a) In person;
- 25 (b) By mail;
- 26 (c) By means of the federal post card application, if the person is a resident of  
27 Kentucky and a member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent of members of

- 1           the Armed Forces, or overseas citizen;
- 2           (d) By mail-in application form prescribed by the Election Assistance  
3           Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; or
- 4           (e) By other methods of registration, or reregistration, approved by the State  
5           Board of Elections, including the use of voluntary interested groups and  
6           political parties, under the proper supervision and directions of the county  
7           clerk, which may include door to door canvassing.
- 8           (5) Upon receipt of the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections or the Election  
9           Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,  
10          properly filled out and signed by the applicant, the county clerk shall register the  
11          applicant.
- 12          (6) Any individual or group shall have access to a reasonable number of voter  
13          registration forms including the mail-in application form prescribed by the Election  
14          Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 in  
15          the county clerk's office. The individual or group shall act under the proper  
16          supervision and directions of the county clerk and shall return these completed  
17          forms to the county clerk for official registration by the county clerk.
- 18          (7) No later than December 31, 1994, the Transportation Cabinet shall equip all driver's  
19          license agencies to comply with the provisions of the National Voter Registration  
20          Act of 1993. The Secretary of State shall provide assistance and interpretation to the  
21          Transportation Cabinet in determining the requirements of the National Voter  
22          Registration Act of 1993.
- 23          (8) The county clerk shall enter the specific party identification of the voter with a  
24          political party, political organization, or political group as defined in KRS 118.015,  
25          or independent status, as indicated by the voter on the voter registration form, into  
26          the statewide voter registration system. The State Board of Elections shall  
27          promulgate regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to provide for tracking of the

1 registration of voters identifying with political organizations and political groups as  
 2 defined in KRS 118.015, and voters of independent status.

3 **(9) For purposes of voter registration, a county clerk or employee of any city, county,**  
 4 **urban-county government, consolidated local government, unified local**  
 5 **government, or charter county government shall not accept any private monetary**  
 6 **funds to assist with voter registration activities.**

7 ➔Section 4. KRS 117.015 is amended to read as follows:

8 (1) There shall be a State Board of Elections that is an independent agency of state  
 9 government, which shall administer the election laws of the state and supervise  
 10 registration and purgation of voters within the state. The board:

11 (a) May promulgate administrative regulations necessary to properly carry out its  
 12 duties;~~and~~

13 (b) Shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing a procedure for  
 14 elections officials to follow when an election has been suspended or delayed  
 15 as described in KRS 39A.100;

16 **(c) Shall not accept any private monetary funds for election administration**  
 17 **unless accepted as part of a valid contract for goods and services; and**

18 **(d) Shall disclose in writing, within five (5) business days, to the Attorney**  
 19 **General and Secretary of State any communication related to election**  
 20 **administration made by an entity or person from a foreign country, federal**  
 21 **government agency, or federal official to an employee or member of the**  
 22 **State Board of Elections.**

23 (2) The board shall consist of the following:

24 (a) The Secretary of State, who shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member, and  
 25 who shall also serve as the chief election official for the Commonwealth;

26 (b) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor as provided in subsection (6) of  
 27 this section;

- 1 (c) Six (6) voting members appointed by the Governor as provided in subsection  
2 (5) of this section; and
- 3 (d) An executive director appointed in accordance with KRS 117.025, who may  
4 vote only to break a tie regarding selection of the chair of the board.
- 5 (3) A chair of the board, who is a then-current voting member of the board, shall be  
6 elected as chair of the board by a majority of the voting members who serve on the  
7 board. The chair shall preside at the meetings of the board and vote on matters  
8 before the board.
- 9 (4) The members shall serve for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are  
10 appointed. Members shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and qualified  
11 voters of this state. No appointed member shall be a candidate for public office or  
12 have been a candidate for public office for two (2) years prior to his or her  
13 appointment, except as provided in subsection (2)(b) of this section. No member of  
14 the board shall have been convicted of any election law offense.
- 15 (5) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Governor from a separate list of at least  
16 five (5) names submitted by the state central executive committee of each of the two  
17 (2) political parties that polled the largest vote in the last preceding election for state  
18 officials. The list shall be submitted to the Governor by February 15 of 1992, and  
19 the appointments of the Governor shall be made by April 1 of the same year. Two  
20 (2) separate lists shall be submitted to the Governor by August 15 of 1990 and every  
21 four (4) years thereafter, and two (2) appointments shall be made from these lists by  
22 September 15 of each year in which the lists are received.
- 23 (6) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Governor from a separate list of at least  
24 four (4) names submitted by the Kentucky County Clerk's Association of each of  
25 the two (2) political parties that polled the largest vote in the last preceding regular  
26 election for state officials. Each of the two (2) members appointed under this  
27 subsection shall be former county clerks and shall be voting members. The lists

1 required under this subsection shall be submitted to the Governor by July 15, 2019,  
2 and every four (4) years thereafter. The appointments made by the Governor under  
3 this subsection shall be made by August 15, 2019, and every four (4) years  
4 thereafter.

5 (7) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as provided for original appointments,  
6 and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall be of the same political party as  
7 his or her predecessor.

8 (8) The board shall meet as often as necessary to carry out its duties and shall keep a  
9 record of its acts, orders, findings, and proceedings. A majority of the board shall  
10 constitute a quorum.

11 (9) The members of the board shall be paid a reasonable sum to be fixed by the  
12 secretary of the Personnel Cabinet, with the approval of the secretary of the Finance  
13 and Administration Cabinet, and in addition, their expenses in attending board  
14 meetings. The compensation shall be paid out of the State Treasury upon requisition  
15 signed by the chair of the board and approved by the secretary of the Finance and  
16 Administration Cabinet.

17 ➔Section 5. KRS 117.125 is amended to read as follows:

18 Except for voting equipment that has been certified and in use on or before June 29, 2021,  
19 no voting system shall be approved for use after June 29, 2021, by the State Board of  
20 Elections, either upon initial examination or reexamination, unless the system has been  
21 certified under KRS 117.379 and is so constructed that it shall:

22 (1) Ensure secrecy to the voter in the act of voting so that no person can see or know for  
23 whom any other voter has voted or is voting, except for those voters requiring  
24 assistance under KRS 117.255;

25 (2) Permit votes to be cast for any candidate entitled to have his or her name printed  
26 upon the ballots at any primary, regular election, or special election, and for or  
27 against any public question entitled to be placed upon the ballots;

- 1 (3) Except at a primary, permit a voter to vote for all the candidates of one (1) party or  
2 for one (1) or more candidates of every party having candidates entitled to be voted  
3 for, or for one (1) or more independent, political organization, or political group  
4 candidates;
- 5 (4) Permit a voter to vote for as many persons for an office as the voter is lawfully  
6 entitled to vote for, and no more;
- 7 (5) Prevent a voter from voting for more persons for any office than the voter is entitled  
8 to vote for, and from voting for the same person, or for or against the same  
9 question, more than once;
- 10 (6) Permit a voter to vote for or against any question the voter may have the right to  
11 vote on, but no other;
- 12 (7) Provide for a nonpartisan ballot;
- 13 (8) Be capable of being adjusted for use in a primary so that a voter may not vote for  
14 any person except those seeking nomination as candidates of the voter's party, as  
15 candidates for a nonpartisan office, or as candidates for an office of the Court of  
16 Justice;
- 17 (9) Permit each voter to vote for all the candidates for presidential electors of any party  
18 by one (1) operation;
- 19 (10) Permit each voter to vote, in any regular or special election, for any person for  
20 whom the voter desires to vote whose name does not appear upon the ballot by  
21 providing a method of write-in voting;
- 22 (11) Be safe, efficient, and accurate in the conduct of elections, and correctly register and  
23 accurately count all votes cast for each person, and for or against each public  
24 question;
- 25 (12) (a) Provide each voter an opportunity to verify votes recorded on the permanent  
26 paper ballot, either visually or using assistive voting technology, by producing  
27 a voter-verified paper audit trail;

- 1 (b) Provide each voter an opportunity to change votes or correct any error before  
2 the voter's ballot is cast and counted; and
- 3 (c) Provide a voter who spoils his or her ballot another ballot as provided under  
4 this chapter;
- 5 (13) Use an individual, discrete, permanent, paper ballot cast by the voter for tabulating  
6 purposes;
- 7 (14) Preserve the paper ballot as an official record available for use in any audit or  
8 recount;
- 9 (15) Be suitably designed for the purpose used, constructed of a durable material, and  
10 safely transportable;
- 11 (16) Be capable of determining whether the voting equipment has been unlocked and  
12 operated or adjusted in any manner after once being locked;
- 13 (17) Have a public counter with a register which is visible from the outside of the  
14 counter or device that will show at all times during an election how many persons  
15 have voted;
- 16 (18) Have a protective cumulative counter indicating the number of votes cast for each  
17 person, and the votes cast for or against each public question which cannot be seen,  
18 reset, or tampered with without unlocking a covering device by a key or other  
19 security apparatus that cannot unlock any other part of the equipment, and which  
20 prevents changes to the cumulative counter once the system has been put into  
21 operation on the day of any election;
- 22 (19) Provide for the tabulating of votes at the precinct as required under KRS 117.275;
- 23 (20) Provide locks or other security apparatus by which the operation of the voting  
24 equipment may be locked before the time for opening the polls and after the time  
25 for closing the polls;
- 26 (21) Permit a voter to readily learn the method of operating it, to expeditiously cast a  
27 vote for all candidates and on all questions of the voter's choice, and when operated



- 1 properly, register and record correctly and accurately every vote cast;
- 2 (22) Bear a number or other unique designation that will distinguish it from any other
- 3 voting equipment or voting system;
- 4 (23) Produce a real-time audit log record for the voting system, and produce a paper
- 5 record with a manual audit capacity which shall be available as an official record for
- 6 any recount conducted related to any primary or election in which the system is
- 7 used;
- 8 (24) Be accessible for individuals with impairments, including nonvisual accessibility
- 9 for the blind or visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity
- 10 for access and participation, including privacy and independence, as for other
- 11 voters;
- 12 (25) **Be prohibited from connecting to a public network, including the Internet;**
- 13 **(26)** Meet or exceed the standards for a voting system established by the Election
- 14 Assistance Commission, as amended from time to time, and those approved under
- 15 KRS 117.379; and
- 16 **(27)**~~(26)~~ Meet such other requirements as may be established by the State Board of
- 17 Elections in administrative regulations promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A to
- 18 reflect changes in technology to ensure the integrity and security of voting systems.

19 ➔Section 6. KRS 117.155 is amended to read as follows:

20 **In the following order,** the county clerk shall:

- 21 **(1)** Place all ballots required to be placed upon voting equipment in such a manner as
- 22 will most nearly conform to the plan of arrangement prescribed by the Secretary of
- 23 State under KRS 118.215;~~[- The county clerk shall then -]~~
- 24 **(2)** See that the counters referred to in KRS 117.125(17) and (18) are set at zero, and
- 25 shall lock the operating device and mechanism and the devices protecting the
- 26 counters and ballots;~~[- The county clerk shall then -]~~
- 27 **(3)** Enter in an appropriate book, opposite the number of each precinct the

1 distinguishing number of the voting equipment or the unique designation to be used  
2 in that precinct; and

3 **(4) Ensure that the voting system or voting equipment is not connected to a public**  
4 **network, including the Internet.**

5 ➔Section 7. 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, applications for federal provisional absentee  
13 ballots, and mail-in absentee ballots to persons other than those specified by the  
14 provisions of this chapter, and failure to type the name of the voter on the  
15 application form as required by the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a  
16 Class D felony.
- 17 (3) Any officer who willfully fails to prepare or furnish ballots, federal provisional  
18 ballots, federal provisional absentee ballots, or absentee ballots or fails to allow a  
19 qualified voter to cast his or her vote using voting equipment as required of the  
20 voter by this chapter shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 21 (4) Any election officer who knowingly and willfully violates any of the provisions of  
22 this chapter, including failure to enforce the prohibition against electioneering  
23 established by KRS 117.235, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first  
24 offense and a Class D felony for each subsequent offense.
- 25 (5) Any person who violates KRS 117.0861, or who signs a name other than his or her  
26 own on an application for an absentee ballot, the verification form for the ballot, an  
27 emergency absentee ballot affidavit, a voter or election official affirmation, or any

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

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

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

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

20 (9) Any local or state election official, including the Secretary of State, employees of  
21 the Secretary, and members of the State Board of Elections and their staff, who  
22 knowingly and willfully uses the voter registration roster in violation of KRS  
23 117.025(3)(a) shall, for each offense, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

24 **(10) Any person who knowingly and willfully directly connects, or attempts to directly**  
25 **connect, a voting system or voting equipment to a public network such as the**  
26 **Internet at any time shall be guilty of a Class D felony for each offense.**

27 ➔Section 8. KRS 117.275 is amended to read as follows:

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

5 (2) As soon as the polls are closed, and the last voter has voted, the judges at that time  
6 shall immediately lock and seal the voting equipment so that the voting and  
7 counting mechanisms will be prevented from operating, and they shall sign a  
8 certificate stating:

9 (a) That the voting equipment has been locked against voting and sealed;

10 (b) The number of voters, as shown on the public counters;

11 (c) The number registered on the protective or cumulative counter or device; and

12 (d) The number or other designation of the voting equipment.

13 The certificate, with any additional certificate previously prepared under KRS  
14 117.035, shall be returned by the judges of election to the officials authorized by  
15 law to receive it. The judges shall compare the number of voters, as shown by the  
16 counter of the voting equipment, with the number of those who have voted as  
17 shown by the protective or cumulative counter or device.

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

21 (a) The judges, in the presence of the representatives mentioned in subsection (1)  
22 of this section, if any, and of all other persons who may be lawfully within the  
23 polling place, shall give full view of all the counter numbers;

24 (b) The judges shall enter, in ink, the total votes cast for each candidate, and slate  
25 of candidates, and for and against each question on the return sheets; and

26 (c) Each precinct election officer shall sign the return sheets, and a copy of the  
27 return sheets shall be posted on the precinct door.

- 1 (4) Where voting equipment is used that prints the candidates' names along with the  
2 total votes received on a return sheet or record for that equipment, the precinct  
3 election officers shall sign the return sheets or record for the voting equipment,  
4 which shall be posted on the door of the precinct.
- 5 (5) If any officer shall decline to sign the return sheets, he or she shall state the reason  
6 in writing, and a copy thereof, signed by the officer, shall be enclosed with the  
7 return sheets.
- 8 (6) Each of the return sheets, if applicable, and the record of the voting equipment shall  
9 be enclosed in an envelope. One (1) copy of the return sheets, if applicable, one (1)  
10 copy of the record of the voting equipment, and the write-in roll, if any write-in  
11 votes were cast in the precinct, shall be directed to the county board of elections of  
12 the county in which the election is being held. One (1) copy of the return sheets or  
13 record of the voting equipment shall be given to the county clerk of the county in  
14 which the election is being held and to each of the local governing bodies of the two  
15 (2) dominant political parties, but a local governing body of a dominant political  
16 party may decline a copy of the precinct election return by filing a written  
17 declination with the county board of elections prior to the election, and upon this  
18 declination, a printed copy shall not be issued to the political party so declining. The  
19 declination on file shall be effective for that election and any subsequent elections  
20 until revoked by the local governing body of a dominant political party by filing a  
21 written revocation with the county board of elections. The envelope shall have  
22 endorsed thereon a certificate of the election officers, stating the number or unique  
23 designation of the voting equipment, the precinct where it has been used, the  
24 number on the seal, and the number on the protective or cumulative counter or  
25 device at the close of the polls.
- 26 (7) Following the tabulation of all votes cast in the election, including absentee votes  
27 and write-in votes, the county board shall mail a copy of the precinct-by-precinct

1 summary of the tabulation sheets showing the results from each precinct to the State  
2 Board of Elections and the county clerk shall mail or deliver the precinct signature  
3 rosters from each precinct to the State Board of Elections during the period  
4 established by KRS 117.355(3).

5 (8) As soon as possible after the completion of the count, the two (2) judges shall return  
6 to the county board of elections the keys to the voting equipment received and  
7 receipted for by them, and the county clerk in which the precinct is located shall  
8 have the voting equipment properly boxed or securely covered and removed to a  
9 proper and secure place of storage.

10 (9) In primaries, each candidate or group of candidates may designate to the county  
11 board of elections a representative to witness and check the vote count. In regular  
12 elections, the governing authority of each political party, each candidate for member  
13 of board of education, nonpartisan candidate, political group candidate, political  
14 organization candidate, independent candidate, or independent ticket may designate  
15 a representative to the county board of elections to witness and check the vote  
16 count. The county board of elections shall authorize representatives of the news  
17 media to witness the vote count.

18 (10) For all federal provisional ballots, if applicable, and supplemental paper ballots if  
19 approved as provided in KRS 118.215, after the polls are closed, the two (2) judges  
20 shall return to the county clerk's office the locked federal provisional ballot  
21 receptacle and the supplemental paper ballot box, all ballot stubs, spoiled ballots,  
22 and unvoted ballots at the same time as the tabulation of votes from the voting  
23 equipment is delivered. The county clerk shall issue a receipt for the number of  
24 ballot stubs, unvoted ballots, spoiled ballots, and the ballot boxes or ballot  
25 receptacle.

26 (11) The county board of elections, or its designee, shall count and tally the  
27 supplemental paper ballots that have not been tabulated by automatic tabulating

1 equipment at the precinct, either manually or with the use of tabulating equipment  
2 that has been certified by the State Board of Elections for use for that purpose in the  
3 county clerk's office. The results of the vote tally shall be certified by the county  
4 board of elections to the county clerk and to the Secretary of State.

5 (12) The county board of elections shall tabulate the valid federal provisional ballots.  
6 The results of the vote tally shall be certified by the county board of elections to the  
7 county clerk and to the Secretary of State. The county board shall mail a copy of the  
8 precinct-by-precinct summary of the valid federal provisional ballot tabulation  
9 sheets showing the results from each precinct to the State Board of Elections.

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

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

22 **(15) During or after the counting of the votes, the following information shall not be**  
23 **transmitted by any election official as election results to any entity or person**  
24 **except those persons, election officials, or entities authorized by law to receive it**  
25 **as prescribed in this section, or as otherwise stated in KRS Chapters 117 to 120,**  
26 **or pursuant to a lawful order:**

27 **(a) The completed certificate as described in subsection (2) of this section;**

- 1        (b) Any additional certificate previously prepared under KRS 117.035;  
2        (c) Any count of the votes in any precinct or vote center; and  
3        (d) Votes on a return sheet, write-in votes, or recording of votes on any voting  
4                equipment, voting system, or automatic tabulating equipment.  
5        (16) If unofficial election results are transmitted online to the county board of  
6        elections or the State Board of Elections, the transmission shall only occur by  
7        means of a secure online connection.