

1 AN ACT relating to voter registration.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 116 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the State Board of Elections, shall*
6 *issue and present a comprehensive activity report regarding voter registration*
7 *records cleanup activities on or before July 1 of each year to the Legislative*
8 *Research Commission, and the Legislative Research Commission shall distribute*
9 *the activity report to the appropriate committee. The Secretary of State and the*
10 *State Board of Elections shall also make the report available to the public on*
11 *their respective official websites. The activity report shall include:*

12 *(a) Any activities to resolve reported anomalies per address, such as a high*
13 *number of people living at a single-family home address, voters registered at*
14 *a commercial location, or voters registered at an address that is a vacant lot;*

15 *(b) Any activities to resolve incidents of multiple people registered at the same*
16 *address with the same age that have minor variations in the spelling of the*
17 *name and the status of the resolution of those duplicates;*

18 *(c) The number of voter eligibility changes, which shall include relocation out*
19 *of state, death, incarceration, expungement, and citizenship status changes;*
20 *and*

21 *(d) Any use of a national voter registration clearinghouse system or interstate*
22 *agreement to remove inaccurate or fraudulent registrations and the cost of*
23 *those agreements. No agreement or contract shall be entered into that*
24 *obligates the state to make any expenditures or efforts to register*
25 *unregistered persons, but agreements for the sole purpose of exchanging*
26 *data to remove ineligible voters are expressly permitted.*

27 *(2) (a) The State Board of Elections shall create a data-based report on or before*

1 February 1 of each year, containing every address in each county that lists
 2 a registered voter and the number of active and inactive voters registered at
 3 that address. Any personal identifying information shall be redacted, and
 4 any persons residing at those addresses shall not be contacted about their
 5 registration except by mail.

6 (b) Citizens of each county shall have in-person access to the report at the
 7 county clerk's office, as well as online access via the Secretary of State's
 8 and State Board of Elections' official websites, to verify that his or her
 9 address is not being used fraudulently by other registered voters as the
 10 address of record. Any discrepancies may be reported via the publicly
 11 available link on the Secretary of State's and State Board of Elections'
 12 official websites.

13 (c) The Secretary of State and State Board of Elections shall provide a publicly
 14 available link on their official websites for citizens to report anomalies or
 15 discrepancies, and also a secure electronic form to allow a voter currently
 16 on the registered voter rolls erroneously to voluntarily cancel his or her
 17 voter registration in Kentucky.

18 ➔Section 2. KRS 116.113 is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) (a) Upon receipt of notification from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services
 20 or other reliable sources of the death of a person, the State Board of Elections
 21 shall within five (5) days cause the removal of the name of that person from
 22 the voter registration records it maintains, except that no voter's name may be
 23 removed during the period of time the registration books are closed for any
 24 primary, general, or special election.

25 (b) To ensure that the State Board of Elections accurately removes names from
 26 the voter registration records it maintains, the Cabinet for Health and
 27 Family Services shall provide a comprehensive copy of the Kentucky death

1 records to the State Board of Elections on or before February 1 of each
2 year.

- 3 (2) Upon receipt of notification from the circuit clerk that a person has been declared
4 incompetent, the State Board of Elections shall within five (5) days cause the
5 removal of the name of that person from the voter registration records it maintains,
6 except that no voter's name may be removed during the period of time the
7 registration books are closed for any primary, general, or special election.
- 8 (3) Upon receipt of notification from the Administrative Office of the Courts or the
9 United States Department of Justice that a person has been convicted of a felony
10 offense, the State Board of Elections shall within five (5) days cause the removal of
11 the name of that person from the voter registration records it maintains, except that
12 no voter's name may be removed during the period of time the registration books
13 are closed for any primary, general, or special election.
- 14 (4) Upon receipt of notification from a local or state jurisdiction that a voter has
15 registered to vote in the new local or state jurisdiction outside of the
16 Commonwealth, the State Board of Elections shall within five (5) days cause the
17 removal of the name of that person from the voter registration records that it
18 maintains, except that no voter's name may be removed during the period of time
19 the registration books are closed for any primary, regular election, or special
20 election.
- 21 (5) Following the purge of a name from the records of the State Board of Elections, the
22 state board shall notify the clerk of the county in which the voter lived of the action;
23 and the county clerk shall within ten (10) days update the county voter registration
24 files to reflect the necessary change. If a protest is filed by the voter, the county
25 board shall hear it at its next regular monthly meeting. If the county board decides
26 in favor of the protesting voter, the voter's registration record shall be restored,
27 including his or her voting record. If the protest is filed while the registration

1 books are closed and the county board decides in favor of the protesting voter, the
2 county board shall issue the voter an "Authorization to Vote" for the upcoming
3 election and the voter's record shall be restored when the registration books open
4 following the election.