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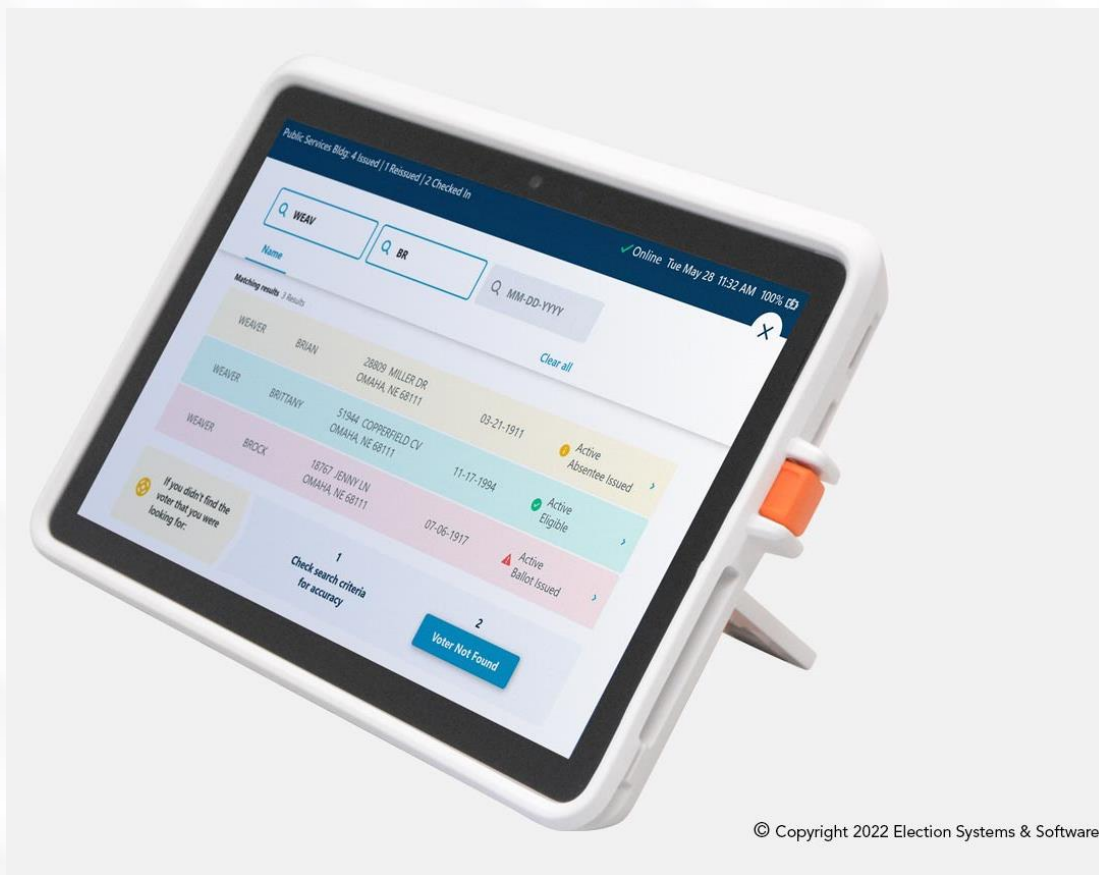
Kentucky County Clerks

Modernization Programs

Vote Centers

- Allow countywide voting to take place at one location
 - Both Election Day and early absentee in-person voting covered at one location
- This concept was discussed for over a decade, while practical technology and the COVID restrictions brought it to reality in 2020.
- Require fewer workers, and the modern print system coupled with e-poll books allows a much quicker turn-around





- In 2022, with Chairman Bratcher's HB 618, we introduced the more advanced e-poll books that can automatically call up and print the voter's ballot, making things even quicker and more accurate.
 - In Jefferson County, we have hundreds of different ballot styles so this helps quite a bit.

- Some counties, though, are finding voting locations still a problem. Smaller counties may not have many places that will permit voting. Parking may not be adequate. This is something each county is going to have to work through under their own unique conditions.



Legal Clarification to Assure Voting Places Include Early Voting Sites

- KRS 117.065 (2)
 - *The county board of elections shall have the authority to designate as **voting places**, without cost to the board, buildings constructed in whole or in part with tax revenues*
- Schools do not close on the 3 days of early voting.

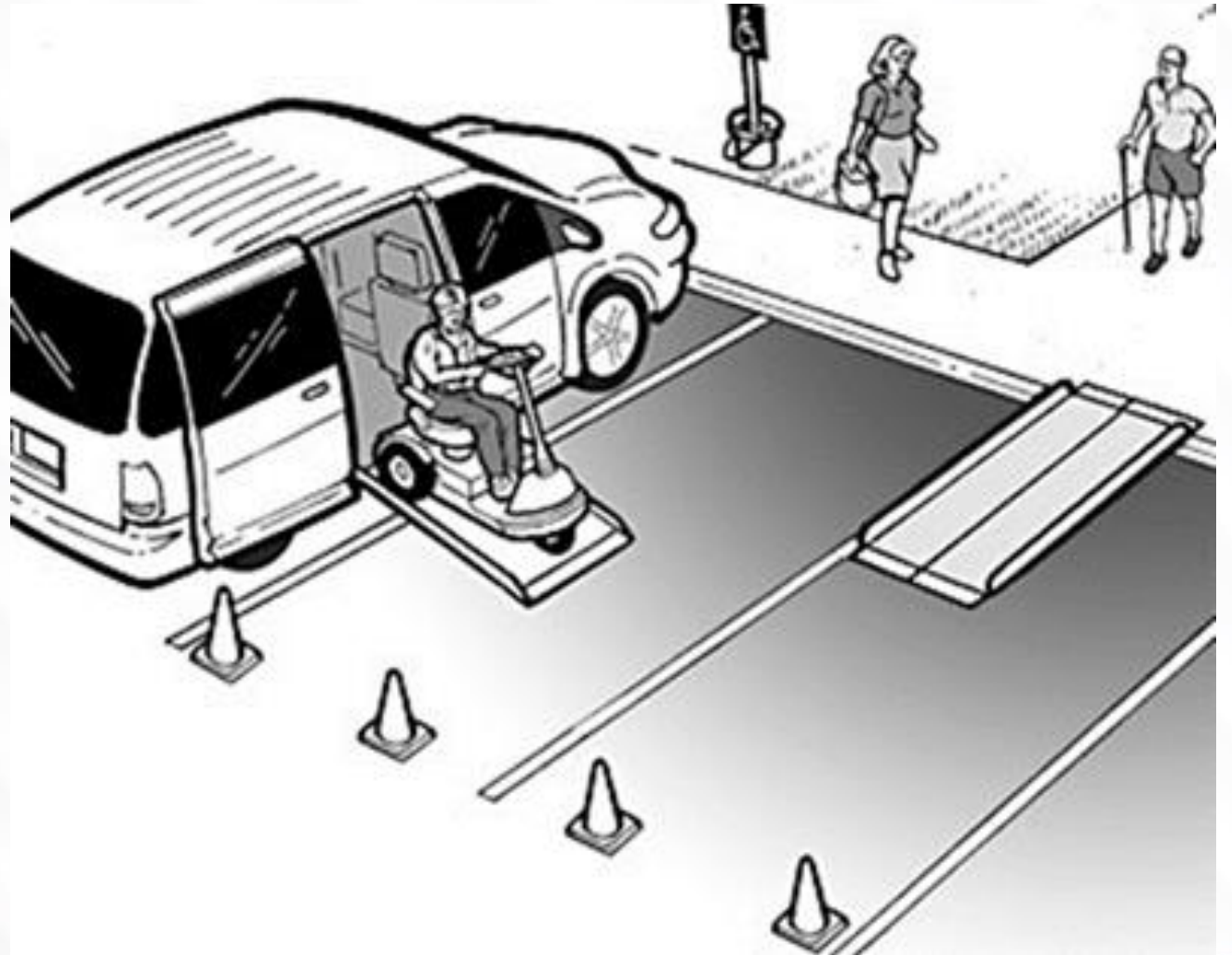
Government buildings generally are not receptive to hosting early voting

ADA Limits the Availability of Voting Sites

The Help America Vote Act of 2001 included extensive provisions to make polling places accessible. This included accessible voting machines, something we had already begun in Jefferson County.

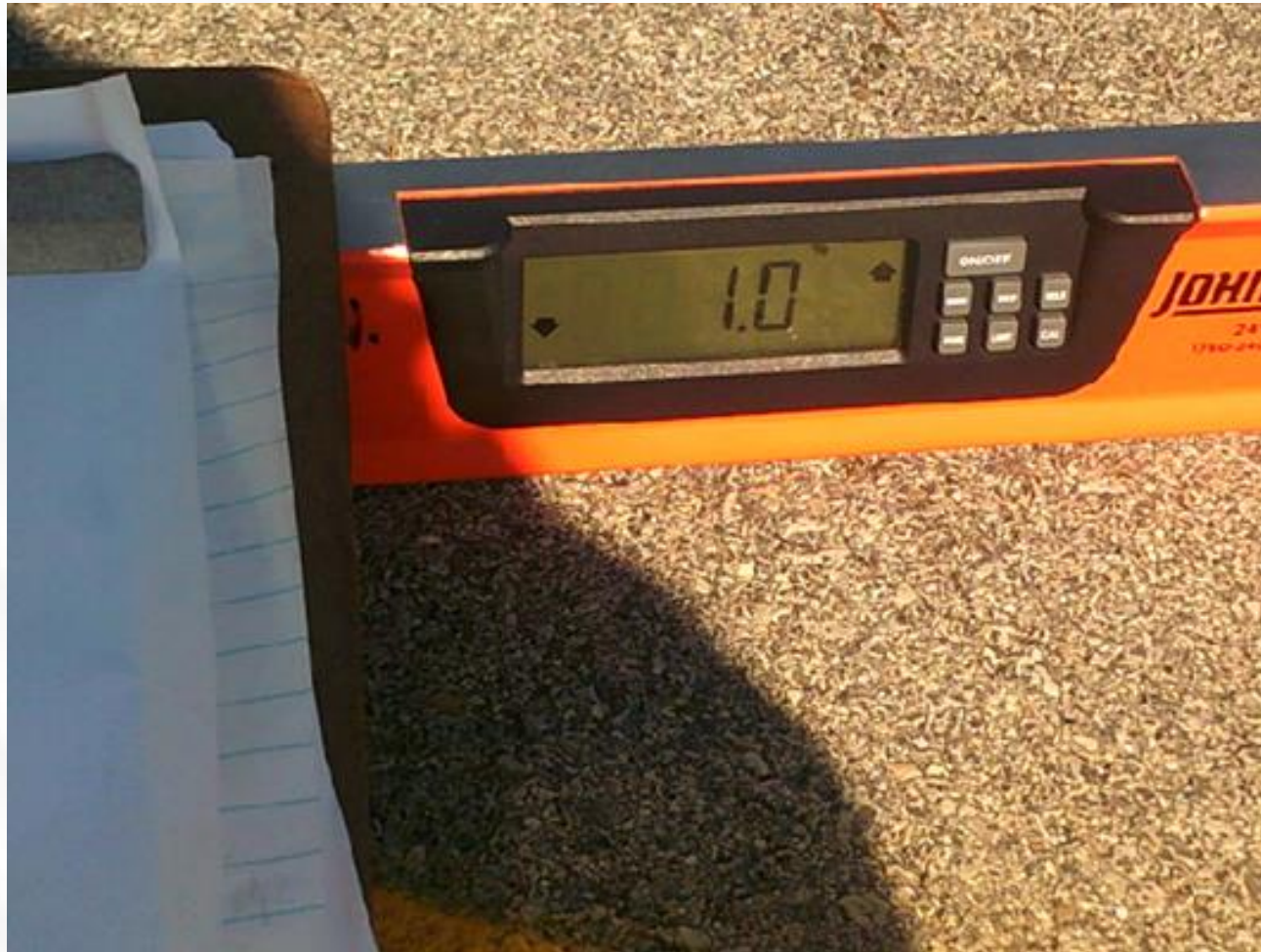
But it also applied the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 standards to all polling sites. Most private and government buildings built before 1990 do not have to meet these standards, but elections sites must.

Using the mandatory DOJ checklist, clerks since 2002 survey their polling places, putting up temporary measures where possible with extra signage, cones, and the like. If no remediation is possible, the site is dropped.



Special DOJ Office Just for Elections

- Under HAVA, there is also an office of the DOJ that is dedicated to nothing but enforcing ADA regulations at polling sites. They have a much more stringent standard for measuring the ADA requirements than the clerks and our state board of elections understood previously
- Under threat of litigation, they have obtained settlement agreements to greatly expand the level of ADA compliance in Jefferson and Kenton counties, and more in the future
- Virtually no school or other government building meets their current standards, without extensive temporary remediations
 - For example, all accessible parking lanes, walk-ways and sidewalks must have a cross-slope of less than 2% grade, as measured electronically



- Few such parking lots or sidewalks were built to such a standard and when they were, years of settling often undoes it. We have to hunt very hard to find such flat areas
- Nearby sidewalks and bus stops also must meet these standards, and almost never do

Fewer Private Landlords Will Host Voting

- A lot of private facilities are also becoming scarce such as large churches, are becoming unavailable, as they no longer want to deal with the hassle of electioneering and large crowds
- Federal case law limits Kentucky electioneering restrictions to 100 feet from the door, permitting much more activity outside our polling places than in decades past

E-recording and internet records



Kentucky passed landmark recording legislation in 2019. The new fee structure allows us to maintain and modernize our records.

Motor Vehicle Registration Needs Better Technology

- The 1970s-era AVIS system for all motor vehicle work is no longer reliable. System-wide failures are common. The new KAVIS comes on-line this January, after 24 years of work
- This is a bare bones replacement. It should at least be more reliable
- It was financed by the technology fees in 2006
- Kentucky's executive branch has traditionally not understood the need to carry forward technology in transportation, and the related savings and service possible



- We have had no clerk dollar fee increases since 2006
- Clerks and the Transportation Cabinet need their administrative fees to increase, just to keep up with 18 years of inflation
- Time to bring MV fees up to inflation and next round of technology

- The next era of motor vehicle registration is just across the river. Indiana has had 24-hour kiosk machines up for many years
 - The latest version, the last 5 years
 - Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee and many other states also have these now
- They not only do license plate decals, but it can also renew driver's licenses
- We have looked at this technology in my office for years. It can be plugged into Kentucky right now





With the ongoing issues here with the state taking over driver's license and fewer, crowded branches, this is the perfect time to move to kiosk technology and offer our citizens more service locations during more hours