

119.165 Penalties for falsely personating a voter or voting by nonresident or unqualified person or convicted felon.

- (1) Any person who falsely personates a registered voter, and receives and casts a ballot by means of such personation, shall be guilty of a Class D felony. An attempt at such personation shall constitute a Class A misdemeanor.
- (2) Any person who, by means other than falsely personating a registered voter, votes at an election in this state when he or she is a resident of another state or country, or votes more than once at an election, or votes by use of the naturalization papers of another person, shall be guilty of a Class D felony. Any person who knowingly votes or attempts to vote in a precinct other than the one in which he or she resides shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, unless by voting in a precinct in which he or she does not live he is enabled to vote in a race or on a matter in which he or she could not vote in his or her proper precinct in which case he or she shall be guilty of a Class D felony. Any person who lends or hires his, hers, or another's naturalization papers to be used for the purpose of voting shall be subject to the same penalty.
- (3) Any person who has been convicted of a felony offense and has not previously been restored to their voting rights who then knowingly votes or attempts to vote shall be guilty of a Class D felony.
- (4) Any resident of this state who, by means other than falsely personating a registered voter, votes before he or she has become a citizen, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- (5) Any person who, by means other than falsely personating a registered voter, votes in a primary election knowing that he or she is not qualified as provided in KRS 116.055, shall be guilty of a violation.
- (6) Any person who applies for or receives a ballot at any voting place other than the one at which he or she is entitled to vote, under circumstances not constituting a violation of any of the provisions of subsections (1) to (3) of this section, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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