

**CHAPTER 124****(HB 121)**

AN ACT relating to elections.

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

Section 1. KRS 23A.070 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Thirtieth Judicial Circuit is entitled to twenty-three (23) judges and shall have twenty-three (23) numbered divisions of the Circuit Court. ***The Circuit Court divisions designated for family court shall be consecutively numbered beginning with the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit, First Division, Family Court. All other Circuit Court divisions shall be consecutively numbered beginning with the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit, First Division, and shall appear on the ballot prior to the designated family court divisions. These designations shall apply for election purposes and all other purposes.***
- (2) ***Notwithstanding any provision of KRS 121.180(10) to the contrary, a judicial candidate whose division number is altered pursuant to subsection (1) of this section subsequent to the establishment of a campaign account with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance may expend the funds contained in the established account for election to the judicial division to which they were elected or appointed.***

Section 2. KRS 118A.045 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Family court judges shall be elected from the judicial circuits established in KRS Chapter 23A and ~~to from~~ a family court division so designated by the Supreme Court pursuant to Section 112(6) of the Constitution of Kentucky.
- (2) All family court divisions as certified by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Kentucky shall have such designation specifically appear on the ballot. The words "Family Court" shall be printed on the ballot in an appropriate location for divisions of Circuit Court certified by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Kentucky as family court divisions. Prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of each scheduled election year, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Kentucky shall certify the divisions of Circuit Court within a judicial circuit that are designated as family court divisions and deliver such certification to the Secretary of State.
- (3) ***Except as provided in Section 1 of this Act***, in judicial circuits having two (2) or more judges there shall be, for election purposes, numbered divisions corresponding to the number of Circuit Judges in the circuit. Each judge shall be elected at large from the entire circuit.
- (4) Each numbered division of a circuit shall be voted upon and shall be tallied separately.

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