

CHAPTER 1**(HB 161)**

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

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

➔Section 1. Notwithstanding KRS 118.125 or any other provision of law to the contrary, any candidate who has filed nomination papers for elected office on or before January 5, 2024, and whose precinct name or number has changed since November 8, 2023, following reapportionment and precinct establishment, shall not be disqualified under any action filed under KRS 118.176 or other statute, based solely on precinct name or number designation.

➔Section 2. Section 1 of this Act shall be retroactive to November 8, 2023.

➔Section 3. Whereas it is critically important to protect ballot access and the reliability of the electoral process following the change of certain precinct names or numbers since November 8, 2023, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor January 18, 2024.