

## 119.005 Definitions for chapter.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) A "ballot" or "official ballot" means the official presentation of offices and candidates to be voted for, including write-in candidates, and all public questions submitted for determination, and shall include a voting machine ballot, a paper ballot, an absentee ballot, a special ballot, a federal provisional ballot, a federal provisional absentee ballot, or a supplemental paper ballot which has been authorized for the use of the voters in any primary or regular or special election by the Secretary of State or the county clerk;
- (2) "Ballot box" means any box, bag, or other container that can be locked, sealed, or otherwise rendered tamper-resistant, for receiving ballots;
- (3) "Election administration information system" means any computer-based information technology application used by the Commonwealth in the administration of elections;
- (4) "Election officer" has the same meaning as in KRS 118.015;
- (5) "Voting equipment" means any physical component of a voting system and includes voting machines where voting machines are in operation;
- (6) "Voting machine" or "machine" means a part of a voting system that consists of one (1) or more electronic devices that operate independently or as a combination of a ballot-marking device and an electronic or automatic vote-tabulating device; and
- (7) "Voting system" means:
  - (a) The total combination of physical, mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic equipment, including the software, hardware, firmware, and documentation required to program, control, and support that equipment, that is used to:
    1. Define ballots;
    2. Cast and count votes;
    3. Report or display election results; and
    4. Maintain and produce any audit trail information; and
  - (b) The practices and associated documentation used to:
    1. Identify system components and versions of those components;
    2. Test the system during its development and maintenance;
    3. Maintain records of system errors and defects;
    4. Determine specific system changes to be made to a system after the initial qualification of the system; and
    5. Make available any materials to the voter, such as notices, instructions, forms, or paper ballots.

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