

117.0551 Boundaries of precincts.

- (1) A county board of elections shall establish election precincts so that each boundary of each precinct follows:
 - (a) A boundary described in KRS 117.055(1);
 - (b) The boundary of an incorporated city;
 - (c) A boundary of an urban-county legislative district established under KRS Chapter 67A;
 - (d) A boundary of a school district or school district division established under KRS Chapter 160; or
 - (e) A boundary of a census tract or census block established by the United States Bureau of the Census for the most recent decennial census of population and appearing on census block boundary maps.
- (2) If a county board of elections cannot establish a precinct that complies with KRS 117.055 by using the boundaries permitted under subsection (1) of this section, the county board of elections may either:
 - (a) Establish the precinct boundary by using a boundary following a visible feature, including but not limited to a highway, railroad, or stream centerline, and an extension of that visible feature to, but not across, another visible feature, nor across an extension of another feature that is used as a precinct boundary; or
 - (b) Request an exemption under KRS 117.0553 and 117.0554.
- (3) For purposes of this section, a "visible feature" is a physical feature shown on official maps or in geographic information system (GIS) layers that are solely or both prepared and maintained by:
 - (a) The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet;
 - (b) The United States Geological Survey;
 - (c) The United States Bureau of the Census;
 - (d) The Kentucky Department of Revenue; or
 - (e) The Commonwealth Office of Technology.

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