STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

(New Administrative Regulation)

31 KAR 4:201. Chain of custody for records during an election contest.

RELATES TO: KRS 120.205, 120.215

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 117.015(1)(a)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 117.015(1)(a) authorizes the State Board of Elections to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to properly carry out its duties. KRS 120.205 and KRS 120.215 require the State Board of Elections to promulgate administrative regulations to provide for a form on which documents any individuals transporting all voting equipment, ballots, boxes, precinct rosters, and other voting records related to an election contest involving an election of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor or a member of the General Assembly. This administrative regulation establishes that form.

Section 1. In the event that a board is established under KRS 120.205 or KRS 120.215 to try a contested election of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor or a member of the General Assembly, the possession of all components of a voting system, ballots, ballot boxes, precinct rosters, and any other voting records sent for by the board shall not transfer unless documented in writing on Form SBE 75, "Election Contest Chain-of-Custody."

Section 2. Incorporated by Reference.

- (1) Election Contest Chain-of-Custody, Form SBE 75, 04/2022, is incorporated by reference.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the State Board of Elections, 140 Walnut Street, Frankfort, Kentucky Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

KAREN SELLERS, Executive Director

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this new administrative regulation shall be held on July 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ET, at the Office of the State Board of Elections. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted until July 31, 2022. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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