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AN ACT relating to increasing accessibility of voting

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 118.035 (1) is amended to read as follows: Each county clerk's office is responsible for establishing one early voting center per 50,000 residents. The early voting centers must be open for eight hours a day, 8 days (excluding Sundays) before the set date of any regular election, and two days (excluding Sundays) before primary and special elections. The polls shall be opened on the day of a primary, special election, or regular election at 6 a.m., prevailing time, and shall remain open until each voter who is waiting in line at the polls at 8 p.m., prevailing time, has voted. At 8p.m., prevailing time, if voters are waiting at the polls to vote, the precinct election sheriff shall announce that a voter wishing to vote must immediately get in line. When all voters waiting at the polls at that time are in line, the precinct election sheriff shall then determine which voter is the last in line, and that voter shall be the last voter permitted to vote. The precinct election sheriff shall wait in line with the last voter who shall be permitted to vote until that voter has voted and shall inform a voter who subsequently arrives at the polls that no one shall be permitted to vote after the last voter in line at 8 p.m., prevailing time. After the last voter waiting in line at 8 p.m., prevailing time, has voted, the polls shall then be closed.

Section 2: KRS 117.085 (1) is amended to read as follows: Any Kentucky citizen who has resided in the state for a minimum of 28 days may request a mail-in-absentee ballot. All requests for an application for a mail-in absentee ballot may be transmitted by telephone, facsimile machine, by mail, by electronic mail, on the website of the Secretary of State's Office or in person. The county clerk shall transmit all applications for a mail-in absentee ballot by mail to the voter or in person at the option of the voter. The mail-in absentee ballot application may be requested by the voter or the spouse, parents, or children of the voter, but shall be restricted to the use of the voter.

Section 3: The following should be appropriated to the Kentucky State Board of Elections for the following fiscal years: 2018–2019 \$800,000; 2019–2020 \$600,000, 2020–2021 \$1,200,000; \$0.00 2021–2022. The money shall be appropriated from the Kentucky General Fund. At the end of the year four year period the appropriation shall be reviewed by the Kentucky State Board of Elections.

Section 4: The Act is effective as of July 1st, 2018.