

**117.145 Preparation of ballot labels, absentee ballots and supplemental paper ballots -- Provision for write-in votes.**

- (1) At least fifteen (15) days before any special election, and at least fifty (50) days before any primary or regular election, the county clerk of each county shall cause to be printed and ready for use ballot labels for each candidate who, and each question which, is entitled to be voted upon in such election. The ballot labels shall be printed on clear white paper or other material which shall be furnished by the printer. They shall be printed in black ink, in plain, clear type clearly legible to a person with normal vision, and shall be of a size to fit the ballot frames. The labels shall include the necessary party designations.
- (2) Each county clerk shall have printed a sufficient number of paper absentee ballots. The absentee ballot shall be used for voting by absent voters; by precinct officers who have been assigned to a precinct other than their own; by members of a county board of elections; by voters so disabled by age, infirmity or illness as to be unable to appear at the polls; and for voting in an emergency situation. The ballot stubs shall be consecutively numbered and the county board shall keep a record, by number, of all absentee ballots used for any of the purposes listed herein.
- (3) No later than the Friday preceding a special or regular election, the county clerk shall equip the voting machines with the necessary supplies for the purpose of write-in votes. The county clerk shall also attach a pencil or pen to the voting machine for write-in purposes.
- (4) If supplemental paper ballots have been approved as provided in KRS 118.215, the county clerk shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of paper ballots for the registered voters of each precinct. The paper ballots shall have stubs which are numbered consecutively. The quality of paper on which the supplemental paper ballots are printed shall be determined by regulations promulgated by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

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