Kentucky's county clerks are united in *securing our elections.*

✅ **We use paper ballots for every voter for verification.**

Kentucky requires that every voter receive a paper ballot. This ensures there is a paper trail that can be used in court-ordered recounts.

✅ **We audit elections to ensure accurate results.**

Before every election, we test and audit the accuracy of voting and tabulation equipment. During the election, we keep track of all absentee ballots mailed to voters, and we compare the number of ballots issued to voters to the number of ballots counted. After the election, we audit the tabulation equipment to confirm that it functioned properly.

✅ **We require trained, bipartisan election officers at all polling locations.**

Every polling location is staffed by registered voters from different political parties and independents. We evaluate election officers to ensure they meet all qualifications. They are trained on proper election procedures and are sworn to ensuring election laws are followed.

✅ **We use voting equipment that does not have the ability to connect to the internet.**

It was always our policy to ensure voter privacy and security, but since 2021, it's been Kentucky law.

✅ **We secure every ballot drop-box and absentee ballot deposited.**

Drop-boxes for absentee ballots are under video surveillance at all times. They are tamper-resistant, immobile and secured while in use. Only bipartisan teams collect and transport deposited ballots. Locked containers and tracking logs are used to monitor the ballots from collection to drop-off at secure processing locations.

✅ **We test each piece of voting equipment before every election.**

Kentucky voters know that ballot marking devices and scanners are working as intended because bipartisan teams test the hardware and software before each election. Only equipment that passes stringent testing is used in Kentucky elections.

✅ **We use only certified voting equipment and systems.**

All voting equipment and systems used in Kentucky's elections are certified to current standards by the federal government and the Commonwealth of Kentucky State Board of Elections.

✓ We maintain accurate and up-to-date voter lists.

County Clerks and State Board of Elections staff conduct regular and annual updates to ensure voter addresses are correct, to remove voters who move out of Kentucky, to add newly registered eligible voters, and to meet other requirements under federal and Kentucky law. Our voter registration processes allow only eligible voters to vote, and to vote only once.

✓ We verify voter information when issuing mail-in absentee ballots.

We check mail-in absentee ballot applications against voter registration records to ensure that the voter's identifying information — name, address, date of birth, signature and driver's license number or last four digits of the voter's social security number — match.

✓ We check ID.

Voters must show "proof of identification" to vote in person. Most voters submit a driver's license or an identification issued by local, state or federal governments or a university that contains the voter's name and photo. For a full list of acceptable ID, visit elect.ky.gov.

✓ We support transparency with observation of election processes.

Trained challengers and representatives of political parties, candidates and news media may observe the counting of votes and be present for the examination of voting equipment.

✓ We only register U.S. citizens who live in Kentucky and will be 18 by Election Day.

In Kentucky, voters must meet federal and state eligibility requirements to register to vote.

✓ We investigate and prosecute cases of election fraud and voter intimidation.

These actions protect voters and secure Kentucky's elections. Perpetrators face jail time and hefty fines.