

# MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

KRS 117.077

This voter and the voter's spouse have one option:

- They may request that a ballot be issued following receipt of the notarized application and they must apply within fourteen (14) days or less of an election.

A person may request an absentee paper ballot for the reason of medical emergency if the emergency occurs **within** fourteen (14) days of an election.

- The voter with the medical emergency AND the voter's spouse are eligible to vote absentee.
- Voter, voter's spouse, parent or child or, if none exist, then a brother, sister, niece, nephew or designee of voter can make the request for a "Medical Emergency Application for an Absentee Ballot" (SBE 45) (See Appendix A) for an absentee ballot.
- The "Medical Emergency Application for an Absentee Ballot" (SBE 45) may be received in the county clerk's office on Election Day.
- A completed "Medical Emergency Application for an Absentee Ballot" (SBE 45) must be notarized.
- This emergency must occur within fourteen (14) days of the election.
- The absentee ballot application and the absentee ballot may be hand delivered to the voter and returned to the county clerk by the voter's spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, niece, nephew or designee.
- The absentee ballot must be delivered to the voter along with Absentee Ballot Inner Envelope (SBE 40) (See Appendix A), the "Instructions to Voters Voting a Mail-In Absentee Ballot" (SBE 48A) (See Appendix A), and the Absentee Ballot Outer Envelope supplied by your vendor.
- The county clerk cannot issue a Medical Emergency application and an absentee ballot at the same time. The completed and notarized application must be returned to the county clerk before an absentee ballot may be issued.
- The absentee ballot must be received in the county clerk's office by 6 PM local time on Election Day.
- The county clerk must enter the voter's name on the "List of Voters Issued Absentee Ballots." (SBE 33A) (See Appendix A).