Mail-In Absentee Voting

KCEB offers the convenience of voting from home when situations arise that do not allow a voter to visit their polling location on Election Day. A voter can request an application prior to each election. KCEB will mail the voter a ballot to be voted and returned to KCEB. Absentee Ballots must be notarized to be accepted.

Permanent Disability Absentee Voting:

Voters who have long term mobility issues can enroll in the Permanent Disability Absentee program. These voters will automatically be sent an absentee application prior to every election. The notary requirement is waived for Permanent Absentee voters.

Curbside Voting

Voters who do not take advantage of Absentee Voting, may have election staff process their vote from their car. Curbside voters will have to wait until two election judges are available to assist the voter curbside.

Personal Assistants

A voter can chose to bring an individual to the polls with them to assist in reading and marking their ballot. One assistant can assist one voter only.

Judges Oath of Assistance

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The Whole Person Central Poll

- Central Poll with Access to every Ward/Precinct ballot in KC
- Completely ADA compliant facility geared towards individuals with differing abilities
- Additional Ballot Marking Devices with assistive technology
- Additional staff to assist voters with differing needs

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ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device

1. Touchscreen Display - allows voter to easily make and review selections
2. Instruction panel - gives voter directions how to use the machine
3. Animated Screen - shows voter how to properly insert blank ballot card
4. Front Access Panel - headphone jack, a port for a Sip-and-Puff device or two-position rocker switch, and Audio-Tactile Keypad make the unit ADA friendly
5. Card Slot - Where the voter inserts their card to activate selections, where voted ballot is returned to voter to be placed in the ballot box

ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device: Personal Assistive Device Capabilities

To further assist voters with limited motor function or limited dexterity, the ExpressVote Ballot Marking device has further capability to be used with a voter’s personal assistive technology devices such as a sip-puff device which converts bursts of air into electrical signals or a dual position rocker switch which allows for multiple commands from two movements.

ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device: Audio Ballot/ Tactile Keypad

➢ For voters with limited sight/ vision impairment, an audio ballot with keypad instructions will begin playing when headphones are connected to the BMD
➢ Voters can use the Braille keypad to black out the screen for privacy as well as navigate and vote their ballot