PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM UNTRAINED CONSTABLES

More than 500 untrained constables carry guns and badges in Kentucky. They're not required to meet Peace Officer Professional Standards (POPS) but can perform traffic stops, issue fines, and even make arrests.

HOUSE BILL 239

Does <u>not</u> eliminate the constable position, but it removes peace officer powers of untrained constables newly elected after 2022.

- Grandfathers the peace officer powers of current constables and deputies for as long as they serve.
- Allows constables to apply to any Kentucky Law Enforcement Council-certified basic training course.
- Requires the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) to accept at least one qualified constable per class. DOCJT averages 30 officers per class with 9 to 10 classes a year.
- Allows certified constables to utilize emergency lights for as long as they maintain their certification.
- Would not take effect until January 1, 2023.



Oct 2021: Fayette County Deputy Constable Arrested on Sex Abuse Charges

May 2021: Kenton County Constable Indicted on Unlawful Imprisonment, Endangerment Charges

Jan 2021: Fayette County Constable, Two Deputies Charged After Using Police Lights on Vehicles

Jan 2021: Pulaski Constables Sued for Civil Rights Violations **July 2020:** Former Constable Ordered to Pay Damages in Wrongful Death Lawsuit

June 2020: KY Constable Faces Calls to Resign over Facebook Posts Seen as Racist, Sexist, Crude

March 2020: KY Constable Charged with Shooting an FBI Agent Arresting Him in Corruption Case

April 2019: Harrison County Constable Charged with Rape and Producing Child Pornography

Jan 2019: Constable Arrested for Allegedly Stealing EMS Drugs

Sept 2018: Constable Charged with Selling Drugs in Kentucky Sentenced to Decade in Prison

July 2018: Constable Charged with Violating EPO

March 2018: Family Describes Run-in with Pajama-Wearing Constable

Dec 2017: Kentucky Constable Charged with Helping Inmate Escape **March 2017:** Constable Guilty of Reckless Homicide

Jan 2017: In Clark County, Constable Pleads Guilty to Drug Trafficking

June 2016: Woman Shot by Jefferson County Constable Settles Lawsuit

May 2016: Former Franklin County Constable Faces Kidnapping, Promoting Prostitution Charges

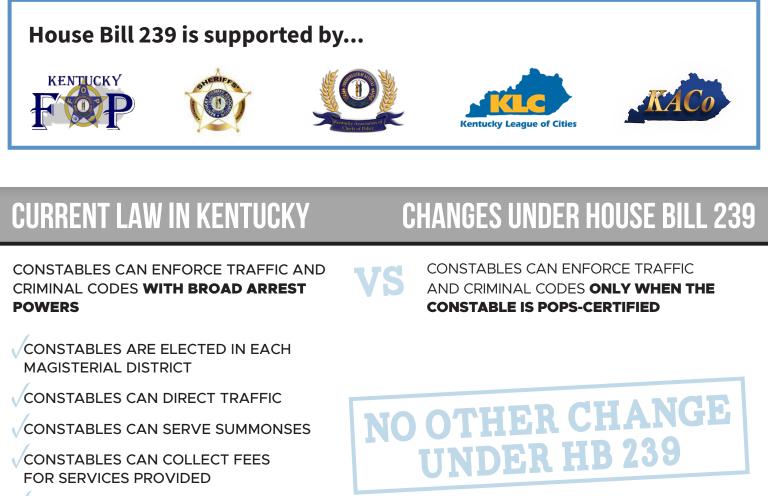
April 2016: Constable from Rockcastle County Arrested

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS

Kentucky needs to move out of the 19th century.

The position of constable was established in Kentucky in 1850 with duties that included: (a) to stop, prevent, or bring under control any dog found chasing or molesting wild elk or deer at any time; (b) to sell property to satisfy a lien created by a taker-up of boats, rafts, platforms, or timber; (c) to serve a warrant to levy and seize upon the baggage and other personal property of a guest for unpaid services to the keeper of a hotel, inn, boarding house, or house of private entertainment; (d) to enforce a lien for the care of livestock; (e) to take up vagrants, kill mad dogs, kill and bury a distempered horse, ass, or mule, kill and bury cattle, and to alter a stud, jackass, or bull.

House Bill 239 does <u>not</u> remove the office of constable; it only removes peace officer powers for newly elected constables who have not received training. <u>Peace officer powers for constables are granted in statute, not in</u> <u>the Kentucky Constitution.</u>



CONSTABLES CAN SERVE SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY THE PAROLE BOARD

CONSTABLES CAN AID IN THE DESTROYING OF DISEASED ANIMALS & IMPOUND UNLICENSED DOGS

1. 2012 REPORT: CONSTABLES IN KENTUCKY: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND FINDINGS SURROUNDING AN OUTDATED OFFICE.