

AN ACT proposing to amend the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the right to farm.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*Farming, which has been and continues to be a vital part of Kentucky's economy, providing food and fiber, creating jobs, and preserving and protecting the landscape to the betterment of the citizens of the Commonwealth, shall be guaranteed in this state. It is declared to be the policy of this state to sustain farming in all its forms, including but not limited to the planting, growing, harvesting, and processing of crops, the breeding, raising, feeding, processing, or keeping of all forms of livestock, the breeding, hatching, raising, feeding, processing, or keeping of poultry, and the practice of silviculture. The Legislature shall pass no law that unreasonably abridges the right of citizens of the state to engage fully in the practice of farming, now and in the future. Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass, eminent domain, existing or previously promulgated administrative regulations, other property rights, or any activity that is prohibited under the criminal laws of this state.*

➔Section 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question to be presented to the voters shall read as follows: "Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that a citizen of this state shall have a personal right to farm, subject only to any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass or other criminal activity, eminent domain, existing or previously promulgated administrative regulations, or other property rights?"