

AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky and to amend Section 99 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the office of Constable.

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

➔SECTION 1. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION 99A BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*(1) If the legislative body of a county adopts an ordinance abolishing the office of Constable, then, upon the next expiration of the term set forth in Section 99 of this Constitution, the office shall cease to exist in that county. If the legislative body of that county subsequently adopts an ordinance reestablishing the office, then the election and service of Constables shall resume in that county, beginning with the next election scheduled under Section 99 of this Constitution.*

*(2) If a county does not adopt an ordinance to abolish the office of Constable, a city within that county may pass an ordinance to eliminate the powers of the office of Constable within the city limits of that city. Upon the next expiration of the term set forth in Section 99 of this Constitution, the powers of that office shall cease to exist in that city. If the legislative body of that city subsequently adopts an ordinance reestablishing the powers of the office of Constable, then the powers and services of the office of Constable shall resume in that city, beginning with the next election scheduled under Section 99 of this Constitution.*

➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 99 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

At the regular election in nineteen hundred and ninety-eight and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected in each county a Judge of the County Court, a County Court Clerk, a County Attorney, Sheriff, Jailer, Coroner, Surveyor and Assessor, and in each Justice's District one Justice of the Peace and, *if the office of Constable has not been abolished under Section 99A of this Constitution,* one Constable, who shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of their offices on the first Monday in January after their

election, and who shall hold their offices four years until the election and qualification of their successors.

➔Section 3. 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 submitted to the voters regarding this proposed amendment shall read: "Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to allow the legislative body of a city to temporarily or permanently eliminate the power of the office of Constable within the city limits, and to allow a county to temporarily or permanently abolish the office of Constable within that county?".