

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to property exempt from taxation.

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

4 ➔Section 1. It is proposed that Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **(1)** There shall be exempt from taxation:

7 **(a)** Public property used for public purposes;

8 **(b)** Places of burial not held for private or corporate profit;

9 **(c)** Real property owned and occupied by, and personal property both tangible
10 and intangible owned by, institutions of religion;

11 **(d)** Institutions of purely public charity;~~[-, and]~~

12 **(e)** Institutions of education not used or employed for gain by any person or
13 corporation, and the income of which is devoted solely to the cause of education;~~[-,]~~

14 **(f)** Public libraries, their endowments, and the income of such property as is used
15 exclusively for their maintenance;

16 **(g)** Household goods of a person used in his home; **and**

17 **(h)** Crops grown in the year in which the assessment is made~~[-,]~~ and in the hands
18 of the producer.

19 **(2) (a) *There shall be an exemption from taxation provided for***~~[-, and]~~ real
20 property maintained as the permanent residence of the owner, **if the owner:**

21 **1.** ~~[-who-]~~Is sixty-five years of age or older;~~[-,]~~ or

22 **2.** Is classified as totally disabled under a program authorized or administered by
23 an agency of the United States government or by any retirement system either within or
24 without the Commonwealth of Kentucky, provided the property owner received disability
25 payments pursuant to **the**~~[-such]~~ disability classification, has maintained **the**~~[-such]~~
26 disability classification for the entirety of the particular taxation period, and has filed with
27 the appropriate local assessor by December 31 of the taxation period, on forms provided

1 therefor, a signed statement made under penalty of perjury indicating continuing
2 disability as provided herein.

3 **(b) The amount of the exemption shall be as follows:**

4 **1. For an owner who is a totally disabled veteran of the United States Armed**
5 **Forces whose disability is service-connected, the amount shall be the full assessed fair**
6 **cash value of the real property; and**

7 **2. For all other owners, the amount shall be** ~~made under penalty of perjury,~~
8 up to the assessed valuation of sixty-five hundred dollars, **which shall be indexed every**
9 **two years.**

10 **(c) The exemption shall apply to the** ~~on said~~ residence and contiguous real
11 property, except for assessment for special benefits.

12 **(d)** The real property may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties,
13 jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by the stock ownership or
14 membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation
15 owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemptions shall
16 apply only to the value of the real property assessable to the owner or, in case of
17 ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion
18 which his interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

19 **(3)** The General Assembly may authorize any incorporated city or town to exempt
20 manufacturing establishments from municipal taxation, for a period not exceeding five
21 years, as an inducement to their location.

22 **(4)** Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 3, 172, and 174 of this
23 Constitution to the contrary, the General Assembly may provide by law an exemption for
24 all or any portion of the property tax for any class of personal property.

25 ➔Section 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
26 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
27 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question

1 to be submitted to the voters shall read as follows: "Are you in favor of amending the
2 Constitution of Kentucky to provide an increased homestead exemption equal to the full
3 assessed value of the property for totally disabled veterans of the United States Armed
4 Forces, whose disabilities are service-connected?"