

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
4 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
5 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question
6 to be submitted to the voters regarding this proposed amendment shall read: "Are you in
7 favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to allow the legislative body of a city to
8 temporarily or permanently eliminate the power of the office of Constable within the city
9 limits, and to allow a county to temporarily or permanently abolish the office of
10 Constable within that county?"