

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 119 and 122 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to judges of the district court.

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

4 ➔Section 1. It is proposed that Section 119 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Court of Appeals and circuit court
7 shall severally hold their offices for terms of eight years, and judges of the district court
8 for terms of ~~six~~~~four~~ years. All terms commence on the first Monday in January next
9 succeeding the regular election for the office. No justice or judge may be deprived of his
10 term of office by redistricting, or by a reduction in the number of justices or judges.

11 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 122 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
12 amended to read as follows:

13 To be eligible to serve as a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the Court of
14 Appeals, Circuit Court or District Court a person must be a citizen of the United States,
15 licensed to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth, and have been a resident of
16 this Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for two years next
17 preceding his taking office. In addition, to be eligible to serve as a justice of the Supreme
18 Court or judge of the Court of Appeals or Circuit Court a person must have been a
19 licensed attorney for at least eight years. No district judge shall serve who has not been a
20 licensed attorney for at least ~~four~~~~two~~ years.

21 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
22 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
23 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question
24 to be presented to the voters shall read as follows: "Are you in favor of electing district
25 judges to terms of six years and requiring them to have been a licensed attorney for at
26 least four years beginning at the regular election held in November 2022?".