

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to persons entitled to vote.

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

4 ➔Section 1. It is proposed that Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years who has resided in
7 the state one year, and in the county six months, and the precinct in which he offers to
8 vote sixty days next preceding the election, shall be a voter in said precinct and not
9 elsewhere but the following persons are excepted and shall not have the right to vote.

10 1. Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or felony,
11 or bribery in an election, or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may
12 declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby
13 excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon. *Persons convicted of*
14 *such crimes as the General Assembly may declare eligible, not including any offense*
15 *that is treason, bribery in an election, a sex offense, a violent offense, an offense*
16 *committed against a child, or an offense punishable by more than five years'*
17 *incarceration, may be restored to their civil rights as provided by the General*
18 *Assembly.*

19 2. *Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of any felony*
20 *offense not deemed eligible for restoration of civil rights pursuant to this section shall*
21 *not have the right to vote unless the person has been restored to his or her civil rights*
22 *by executive pardon.*

23 3. *Persons who have had their right to vote previously restored under this*
24 *section other than by executive pardon and who subsequently have been convicted in*
25 *any court of competent jurisdiction of any felony shall not have the right to vote unless*
26 *the person is restored to his or her civil rights by executive pardon.*

27 4. Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the

1 judgment of a court for some penal offense shall not have the right to vote in the
2 election.

3 ~~5.~~Idiots and insane Persons.

4 →Section 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
5 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
6 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question
7 on the ballot shall read as follows: "Excluding persons committing treason, bribery
8 involving elections, a sex offense, a violent offense, an offense against a child, or an
9 offense punishable by more than five years' incarceration, are you in favor of granting the
10 General Assembly the authority to establish standards for giving persons convicted of
11 certain felonies the right to vote?"