

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Section 46 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to
2 bills considered for final passage.

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

4 ➔Section 1. It is proposed that Section 46 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 No bill shall be considered for final passage unless the same has been reported by a
7 committee, ~~and~~ printed for the use of the members, **and been made available to the**
8 **public for at least twenty-four hours**. Every bill shall be read at length on three different
9 days in each House, but the second and third readings may be dispensed with by a
10 majority of all the members elected to the House in which the bill is pending. But
11 whenever a committee refuses or fails to report a bill submitted to it in a reasonable time,
12 the same may be called up by any member, and be considered in the same manner it
13 would have been considered if it had been reported. No bill shall become a law unless, on
14 its final passage, it receives the votes of at least two-fifths of the members elected to each
15 House, and a majority of the members voting, the vote to be taken by yeas and nays and
16 entered in the journal: Provided, Any act or resolution for the appropriation of money or
17 the creation of debt shall, on its final passage, receive the votes of a majority of all the
18 members elected to each House.

19 ➔Section 2. It is further proposed as a part of this amendment and as a schedule
20 of transitional provisions, for the purposes of this amendment, and any other provision of
21 the constitution notwithstanding:

22 (1) The provisions of this proposed amendment shall apply to the legislative
23 session that begins in the year 2021 and to each subsequent legislative session thereafter.

24 (2) No legislative session, other than the sessions listed in subsection (1) of this
25 section, shall be affected by this proposed amendment.

26 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
27 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided

1 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question
2 to be submitted to the voters shall read as follows: "Beginning with the legislative session
3 in 2021 of the General Assembly, are you in favor of requiring each legislative bill to be
4 available to the public for at least twenty-four hours before a vote for final passage by the
5 General Assembly?".