

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 ***of any***
11 ***felony that includes, as an element of the offense, the intentional killing of a human***
12 ***being not done under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance for which there***
13 ***exists a reasonable explanation or excuse, or sexual intercourse or deviate sexual***
14 ***intercourse by forcible compulsion or with another person who is incapable of consent,***
15 or ***of*** bribery in an election, ~~or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may~~
16 ~~declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage,~~ but persons hereby
17 excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon. ***Persons convicted in***
18 ***any court of competent jurisdiction of any other felony shall be excluded from the right***
19 ***of suffrage until expiration of probation or final discharge from parole or maximum***
20 ***expiration of sentence, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights***
21 ***earlier by executive pardon.***

22 2. Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the
23 judgment of a court for some penal offense.

24 ~~{3.—Idiots and insane persons.}~~

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 on the ballot shall read as follows:

2 "Are you in favor of allowing every resident of Kentucky otherwise entitled to vote
3 the ability to do so automatically unless incarcerated or unless convicted of intentional
4 murder, a sexual crime, treason, or bribery in an election?".