

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. Every bill shall be read at length on
8 three different days in each House, but the second and third readings may be dispensed
9 with by a majority of all the members elected to the House in which the bill is pending.
10 ***Amendments which do not materially alter the substance of a bill do not trigger a***
11 ***requirement for three considerations anew of such amended bill. But, when the subject***
12 ***or proposition of the bill is thereby wholly changed, the amended bill shall be read at***
13 ***length on three different days in each House, but the second and third readings may be***
14 ***dispensed with by a majority of all the members elected to the House in which the bill***
15 ***is pending.*** ~~But~~ Whenever a committee refuses or fails to report a bill submitted to it in a
16 reasonable time, the same may be called up by any member, and be considered in the
17 same manner it would have been considered if it had been reported. No bill shall become
18 a law unless, on its final passage, it receives the votes of at least two-fifths of the
19 members elected to each House, and a majority of the members voting, the vote to be
20 taken by yeas and nays and entered in the journal: Provided, Any act or resolution for the
21 appropriation of money or the creation of debt shall, on its final passage, receive the votes
22 of a majority of all the members elected to each House.

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

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

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

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 shall read as follows: "Beginning with the legislative session
7 in 2021, are you in favor of requiring each amended legislative bill, which is materially
8 altered or wholly changed in substance, to be read anew at length on three different days
9 in each House?".