

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
2020 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **HB 605/HCS 1**

Beginning on page 1, line 3, and continuing through page 23, line 15, delete all text in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"➔Section 1. Are you in favor of making the election of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, Secretary of State, and Attorney-General nonpartisan?

➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 70 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be elected *in a nonpartisan election* for the term of four years by the qualified voters of the State. They shall be elected jointly by the casting by each voter of a single vote applicable to both offices, as shall be provided by law. The slate of candidates having the highest number of votes cast jointly for them for Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be elected; but if two or more slates of candidates shall be equal and highest in votes, the election shall be determined by lot in such manner as the General Assembly may direct.

➔Section 3. It is proposed that Section 91 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

A Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, Secretary of State, and Attorney-General, shall be elected *in a nonpartisan election* by

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the qualified voters of the State at the same time the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected, for the term of four years, each of whom shall be at least thirty years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least two years next before his election. The duties of all these officers shall be such as may be prescribed by law, and the Secretary of State shall keep a fair register of and attest all the official acts of the Governor, and shall, when required, lay the same and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto before either House of the General Assembly. The officers named in this section shall enter upon the discharge of their duties the first Monday in January after their election, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified.

→Section 4. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

→Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation published in this state, and shall also cause to be published at the same time and in the same manner the fact that the amendment will be submitted to the voters for their acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by this section and KRS 118.415 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August preceding the election at which the amendment is to be voted on.

→Section 6. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the United States, or not later than the

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Thursday after the first Tuesday in September preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice President of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk shall have the entirety of the amendment, as so certified, indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to the voting machines in use in each county or precinct."