

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 70 of the Constitution of Kentucky  
2 relating to the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of allowing a candidate for Governor to select his or  
5 her running mate for Lieutenant Governor 30 days after receiving the nomination for  
6 Governor by amending the Constitution of Kentucky to read as stated below?

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

9 ***A candidate for Governor shall designate a Lieutenant Governor candidate to***  
10 ***serve as his or her running mate as a slate in the general election thirty days after***  
11 ***receiving a nomination for Governor.*** The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be  
12 elected for the term of four years by the qualified voters of the State. They shall be elected  
13 jointly by the casting by each voter of a single vote applicable to both offices, as shall be  
14 provided by law. The slate of candidates having the highest number of votes cast jointly  
15 for them for Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be elected; but if two or more slates  
16 of candidates shall be equal and highest in votes, the election shall be determined by lot in  
17 such manner as the General Assembly may direct.

18 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the  
19 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided  
20 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under Sections 4 and 5 of this  
21 Act.

22 ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the  
23 Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution  
24 of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to be published at least one time in a  
25 newspaper of general circulation published in this state, and shall also cause to be  
26 published at the same time and in the same manner the fact that the amendment will be  
27 submitted to the voters for their acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at

1 which members of the General Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by  
2 this section and KRS 118.415 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August  
3 preceding the election at which the amendment is to be voted on.

4       ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the  
5 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August  
6 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be  
7 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the  
8 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September  
9 preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice  
10 President of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the proposed amendment to the  
11 Constitution of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to the county clerk of  
12 each county, and the county clerk shall have the entirety of the amendment, as so  
13 certified, indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as  
14 applicable to the voting machines in use in each county or precinct.