

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Sections 30, 31, and 32 of the Constitution of
2 Kentucky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of amending Sections 30, 31, and 32 of the
5 Constitution of Kentucky to elect Senators in the Kentucky Senate to terms of six years
6 and to elect Representatives in the Kentucky House of Representatives to terms of four
7 years; and limit a Senator to two consecutive terms in the Kentucky Senate, limit a
8 Representative to three consecutive terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and
9 require a full term to elapse before a Senator is eligible to seek additional consecutive
10 terms in the Senate or a Representative is eligible to seek additional consecutive terms in
11 the House of Representatives, beginning with members elected after November 1, 2022
12 as stated below?

13 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 30 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Members of the House of Representatives and Senators shall be elected at the
16 general election in even-numbered years for terms of ~~six~~^{four} years for Senators and
17 ~~four~~^{two} years for members of the House of Representatives. The term of office of
18 Representatives and Senators shall begin upon the first day of January of the year
19 succeeding their election.

20 ➔Section 3. It is proposed that Section 31 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (1) At the general election to be held in November, ~~2022~~¹⁹⁸⁴, and every
23 ~~six~~^{two} years thereafter, there shall be elected for ~~six~~^{four} years one Senator in each
24 ***even-numbered*** Senatorial District~~[in which the term of his predecessor in office will~~
25 ~~then expire and in every Representative District one Representative for two years]~~. ***At the***
26 ***general election to be held in November, 2024, and every six years thereafter, there***
27 ***shall be elected for six years one Senator in each odd-numbered Senatorial District.***

1 (2) At the general election to be held in November, 2022, and every four years
2 thereafter, there shall be elected for four years one Representative in every
3 Representative District.

4 ➔Section 4. It is proposed that Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) No person shall be a Representative who, at the time of his or her election, is
7 not a citizen of Kentucky, has not attained the age of twenty-four years, and who has not
8 resided in this State two years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the
9 county, town or city for which he may be chosen. No person shall be a Senator who, at
10 the time of his or her election, is not a citizen of Kentucky, has not attained the age of
11 thirty years, and has not resided in this State six years next preceding his or her election,
12 and the last year thereof in the district for which he or she may be chosen.

13 (2) No person shall be elected to more than three consecutive terms of office as
14 a member of the House of Representatives, or to more than two consecutive terms of
15 office as a member of the Senate. Terms shall be considered consecutive unless
16 separated by a period of four or more years for a member of the House of
17 Representatives and by a period of six or more years for a member of the Senate. In
18 determining the eligibility of an individual to hold an office as provided in this section,
19 time served in an office in fulfillment of a partial term as a result of a special election
20 to fill a vacancy shall not be considered. Any person who is elected to an office in a
21 regularly scheduled election and resigns prior to the completion of the term for which
22 he or she was elected shall be considered to have served the full term in the office.

23 ➔Section 5. 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 provisions
25 of the Constitution of Kentucky notwithstanding:

26 (1) The candidates for Representative and Senator that receive a certificate of
27 election for those elective offices following the regular election in November 2022 or

1 thereafter shall be subject to the provisions of this proposed amendment. The provisions
2 of this proposed amendment shall not include completed terms of office served prior to
3 January 1, 2023.

4 (2) No candidate or office holder, other than those listed in subsection (1) of this
5 section, shall have his or her term of office affected by this proposed amendment.

6 ➔Section 6. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
7 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
8 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under Sections 7 and 8 of this
9 Act.

10 ➔Section 7. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
11 Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution
12 of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 5 of this Act to be published at least one (1) time
13 in a newspaper of general circulation published in this state, and shall also cause to be
14 published at the same time and in the same manner the fact that the amendment will be
15 submitted to the voters for their acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at
16 which members of the General Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by
17 this section and KRS 118.415 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August
18 preceding the election at which the amendment is to be voted on.

19 ➔Section 8. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.145 to the contrary, the
20 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August
21 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be
22 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the
23 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September
24 preceding a regular election in which there is an election for President and Vice President
25 of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the proposed amendment to the
26 Constitution of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 5 of this Act to the county clerk of
27 each county, and the county clerk shall have the entirety of the amendment, as so

- 1 certified, indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as
- 2 applicable to the voting machines in use in each county or precinct.