

1 AN ACT relating to felony mediation.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 421.500 TO 421.575 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 *(1) A victim of a felony offense may request the Circuit Court to order felony*
6 *mediation of the crime committed against him or her. The court shall order*
7 *felony mediation if the defendant agrees and the court determines the public*
8 *interest is not harmed by ordering felony mediation.*
- 9 *(2) The request for felony mediation made in subsection (1) of this section shall be*
10 *made on a form prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts.*
- 11 *(3) The Chief Justice shall maintain a roster of retired judges to serve as felony*
12 *mediators for the purpose of this section.*
- 13 *(4) Felony mediation may be terminated at any time by the victim, defendant, or*
14 *prosecutor.*
- 15 *(5) An agreement reached as a result of felony mediation shall have the same legal*
16 *effect as a plea agreement presented to the court by a prosecutor.*