

1 AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating
2 to natural resources.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of adding a new section of the Constitution of
5 Kentucky as stated below?

6 ➔SECTION 2. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO
7 THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO BE NUMBERED AS 255B AND TO
8 READ AS FOLLOWS:

9 ***The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the***
10 ***natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. The Commonwealth's***
11 ***public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including***
12 ***generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall***
13 ***conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.***

14 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
15 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
16 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution, KRS 118.415, and Sections 4 and 5
17 of this Act.

18 ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
19 Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the question in Section 1 of this Act and the
20 entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Section
21 2 of this Act to be published at least one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation
22 published in this state, and shall also cause to be published at the same time and in the
23 same manner the fact that the amendment will be submitted to the voters for their
24 acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at which members of the General
25 Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by this section and KRS 118.415
26 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August preceding the election at which the
27 amendment is to be voted on.

1 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
2 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August
3 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be
4 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the
5 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September
6 preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice
7 President of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the question in Section 1 of this
8 Act and the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky
9 contained in Section 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk
10 shall have the entirety of the question and the amendment, as so certified, indicated on the
11 ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to the voting
12 machines in use in each county or precinct.