

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 36 and 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to sessions of the General Assembly.

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

4 ➔Section 1. It is proposed that Section 36 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The General Assembly, in odd-numbered years, shall meet in regular session
7 for a period not to exceed a total of thirty (30) legislative days divided as follows: The
8 General Assembly shall convene for the first part of the session on the first Tuesday after
9 the first Monday in January in odd-numbered years for the purposes of electing legislative
10 leaders, adopting rules of procedure, organizing committees, and introducing and
11 considering legislation. The General Assembly shall then adjourn. The General Assembly
12 shall convene for the second part of the session on the first Tuesday in February of that
13 year. Any legislation introduced but not enacted in the first part of the session shall be
14 carried over into the second part of the session. In any part of the session in an odd-
15 numbered year, no bill raising revenue or appropriating funds shall become a law unless it
16 shall be agreed to by three-fifths of all the members elected to each House.

17 (2) The General Assembly shall then adjourn until the first Tuesday after the first
18 Monday in January of the following even-numbered years, **except as otherwise provided**
19 **in this Constitution**, at which time the General Assembly shall convene in regular
20 session.

21 (3) **(a) The General Assembly may call itself into extraordinary session, but**
22 **only upon the agreement and joint proclamation of the President of the Senate and the**
23 **Speaker of the House of Representatives if at least one day has been reserved from a**
24 **regular session in either an even-numbered year or odd-numbered year.**

25 **(b) The joint proclamation shall state the date the extraordinary session shall**
26 **begin, and the subjects to be considered. No subjects other than those contained in the**
27 **proclamation shall be considered.**

1 (c) The General Assembly may reserve legislative days provided to it for its
2 regular sessions under this Constitution to be used during any extraordinary session
3 called by the General Assembly. At least one day from a regular session shall be held
4 in reserve for each extraordinary session to be called. More than one extraordinary
5 session may be called if at least one legislative day remains in reserve.

6 (d) Any extraordinary session called by the General Assembly shall continue
7 for a minimum of five days notwithstanding that fewer than five days may remain in
8 reserve. Should any bill pass one House during an extraordinary session called by the
9 General Assembly, the session shall be extended a minimum of two days for
10 consideration of the bill in the other House. These additional two days shall not
11 require or expend any days that the General Assembly has held in reserve.

12 (e) No legislative day reserved by the General Assembly as provided by this
13 Constitution, and no additional legislative days allotted to an extraordinary session
14 under this section, shall be expended to any extraordinary session called by the
15 Governor as provided in this Constitution.

16 (f) Any day reserved by the General Assembly from its regular session shall
17 expire on December 31 of the year in which it was reserved.

18 (g) An extraordinary session called by the General Assembly may be recessed
19 for more than two days only upon agreement of both chambers, Saturdays and
20 Sundays excluded. No recess shall exceed a period of four months.

21 (h) No bill raising revenue or appropriating funds shall become a law during
22 any extraordinary session called by the General Assembly unless it shall be agreed to
23 by three-fifths of all the members elected to each House.

24 (i) Any limitations on an extraordinary session called by the General Assembly
25 shall not apply to the Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment.

26 (4) All sessions shall be held at the seat of government, except in case of war,
27 insurrection or pestilence, when it may, by proclamation of the Governor, assemble, for

1 the time being, elsewhere.

2 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **(1) (a)** The members of the General Assembly shall severally receive from the
5 State Treasury compensation for their services: Provided, No change **to the compensation**
6 **of the members of the General Assembly** shall take effect during the session at which it
7 is made.

8 **(b) No[; nor shall a]** session occurring in odd-numbered years **shall continue**
9 **beyond thirty legislative days nor** extend beyond March 30. **No[; nor shall a]** session of
10 the General Assembly occurring in even-numbered years **shall** continue beyond sixty
11 legislative days, nor shall it extend beyond April 15.~~[;]~~ These limitations as to length of
12 sessions shall not apply to the Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment, **nor when**
13 **the General Assembly is convened by the Governor or itself in extraordinary session.**

14 A legislative day shall be construed to mean a calendar day, exclusive of Sundays, legal
15 holidays, or any day on which neither House meets.

16 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
17 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
18 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The
19 following shall be printed on the ballot:

20 "Are you in favor of amending Sections 36 and 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky
21 to allow the General Assembly to call itself into extraordinary session only if it has
22 reserved at least one day from its regular session in that year?"

23 **Section 36**

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11 session.

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