

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Section 36 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to
2 time and place of meetings of the General Assembly.

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

4 ➔Section 1. As noted below, are you in favor of amending Section 36 of the
5 Constitution to allow the General Assembly to convene if the Governor declares by
6 executive order that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth and, any or all
7 executive orders declaring a state of emergency exceed thirty days in the aggregate of a
8 calendar year during which time the General Assembly is not in regular session? The
9 subjects to be considered by the General Assembly are limited to the Governor's
10 executive orders and directives issued pursuant to and relevant to the executive order
11 declaring a state of emergency.

12 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 36 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
13 amended to read as follows:

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

25 (2) The General Assembly shall then adjourn until the first Tuesday after the first
26 Monday in January of the following even-numbered years, at which time the General
27 Assembly shall convene in regular session.

1 (3) If the Governor declares that a state of emergency exists in the
2 Commonwealth, and any and all executive orders declaring a state of emergency
3 exceed thirty days in the aggregate of a calendar year during which time the General
4 Assembly is not in regular session, the General Assembly shall convene. The subjects
5 to be considered by the General Assembly shall be the Governor's executive orders and
6 directives issued pursuant to and relevant to the executive order declaring a state of
7 emergency.

8 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ All sessions shall be held at the seat of government, except in case of
9 war, insurrection or pestilence, when it may, by proclamation of the Governor, assemble,
10 for the time being, elsewhere.

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

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

25 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
26 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August
27 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be

1 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the
2 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September
3 preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice
4 President of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the question in Section 1 of this
5 Act and the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky
6 contained in Section 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk
7 shall have the entirety of the question and the amendment, as so certified, indicated on the
8 ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to the voting
9 machines in use in each county or precinct.