

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 117 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to judicial elections.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of making elections for Justices of the Supreme
5 Court and judges of the Court of Appeals partisan rather than nonpartisan?

6 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 117 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
7 amended to read as follows:

8 **(1)** Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Court of Appeals ***shall be***
9 ***elected from their respective districts on a partisan basis as provided by law.***^[+]

10 **(2)** ***Judges of the*** Circuit and District Court shall be elected from their respective
11 districts or circuits on a nonpartisan basis as provided by law.

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

16 ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
17 Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution
18 of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act to be published at least one time in
19 a newspaper of general circulation published in this state, and shall also cause to be
20 published at the same time and in the same manner the fact that the amendment will be
21 submitted to the voters for their acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at
22 which members of the General Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by
23 this section and KRS 118.415 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August
24 preceding the election at which the 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 proposed amendment to the
5 Constitution of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act to the county clerk of
6 each county, and the county clerk shall have the entirety of the amendment, as so
7 certified, indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as
8 applicable to the voting machines in use in each county or precinct.