

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to persons entitled to vote.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution of Kentucky to allow
5 sixteen- and seventeen-year-old United States citizens to vote in elections for members of
6 boards of education and in elections for city and county officers as stated below?

7 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (1) Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years who has resided
10 in the state one year, and in the county six months, and the precinct in which he ***or she***
11 offers to vote sixty days next preceding the election, shall be a voter in ~~that~~^{said} precinct
12 and not elsewhere. ~~but~~

13 ***(2) Every citizen of the United States of the age of sixteen years who has not yet***
14 ***attained the age of eighteen years who has resided in the state one year, and in the***
15 ***county six months, and the precinct in which he or she offers to vote sixty days next***
16 ***preceding the election, shall be a voter in that precinct and not elsewhere for all***
17 ***elections for members of boards of education, officers mentioned in Sections 97 and***
18 ***99, and officers of cities, towns, counties, or districts.***

19 (3) The following persons are excepted and shall not have the right to vote: ~~but~~

20 (a)~~1-~~ Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or
21 felony, or bribery in an election, or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly
22 may declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby
23 excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon; ~~but~~

24 (b)~~2-~~ Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the
25 judgment of a court for some penal offense; ***and*** ~~but~~

26 (c)~~3-~~ Idiots and insane persons.

27 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the

1 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
2 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415, and Sections
3 4 and 5 of this Act.

4 ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
5 Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the question in Section 1 of this Act and the
6 entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Section
7 2 of this Act to be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation
8 published in this state, and shall also cause to be published at the same time and in the
9 same manner the fact that the amendment will be submitted to the voters for their
10 acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at which members of the General
11 Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by this section and KRS 118.415
12 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August preceding the election at which the
13 amendment is to be voted on.

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