

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. Excluding persons who commit a felony that is a sex offense, a  
5 violent offense, an offense against a child, or an offense punishable by more than five  
6 years' incarceration, are you in favor of granting the General Assembly the authority to  
7 establish standards for giving persons convicted of certain felonies the right to vote, as  
8 stated below?

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

11 Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years who has resided in  
12 the state one year, and in the county six months, and the precinct in which he offers to  
13 vote sixty days next preceding the election, shall be a voter in said precinct and not  
14 elsewhere but the following persons are excepted and shall not have the right to vote.

15 1. Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or felony,  
16 or bribery in an election, or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may  
17 declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby  
18 excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon. **Persons convicted of**  
19 **such felony crimes as the General Assembly may declare eligible, not including any**  
20 **felony offense that is a sex offense, a violent offense, an offense committed against a**  
21 **child, or an offense punishable by more than five years' incarceration, may be restored**  
22 **to their civil rights as provided by the General Assembly.**

23 2. **Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of any felony**  
24 **offense not deemed eligible for restoration of civil rights pursuant to this section shall**  
25 **not have the right to vote unless the person has been restored to his or her civil rights**  
26 **by executive pardon.**

27 3. **Persons convicted of a felony who have had their right to vote restored**

1 under this section other than by executive pardon and who subsequently have been  
2 convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of any subsequent felony shall not  
3 have the right to vote unless the person is restored to his or her civil rights by executive  
4 pardon.

5 4. Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the  
6 judgment of a court for some penal offense shall not have the right to vote in the  
7 election.

8 5.~~[3.]~~ Idiots and insane Persons.

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

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

23 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the  
24 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August  
25 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be  
26 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the  
27 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September

1 preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice  
2 President of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the question in Section 1 of this  
3 Act and the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky  
4 contained in Section 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk  
5 shall have the entirety of the question and the amendment, as so certified, indicated on the  
6 ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to the voting  
7 machines in use in each county or precinct.