

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky State Police to institute a pilot
2 program of remote testing for instruction permits in counties that do not have a regional
3 driver licensing office.

4 WHEREAS, 2020 Ky. Acts ch. 51, sec. 18, required that after June 30, 2022,
5 operator's licenses would no longer be issued at circuit clerk offices and instead be issued
6 through driver licensing regional offices operated by the Transportation Cabinet; and

7 WHEREAS, in response to this change in issuance procedures, the Kentucky State
8 Police, which administers operator's license testing under KRS 186.480, moved its
9 instruction permit and road skills testing operations to a regional model as well; and

10 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by parents who live in counties which do
11 not have a driver licensing regional office that much school and work time is missed
12 traveling to the limited testing sites; and

13 WHEREAS, 2020 Ky. Acts ch. 51 also mandated an expansion of online and
14 remote renewal options, as well as "Popup" licensing centers, a traveling service that
15 brings all the services offered in driver licensing regional offices to counties that do not
16 have a regional office; and

17 WHEREAS, in the spirit of the enabling act, the Kentucky State Police should
18 endeavor to explore options for remote testing, especially for instruction permits;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

21 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky State Police shall establish a pilot project to provide
22 written instruction permit testing at regular intervals in counties that do not have a
23 permanent Transportation Cabinet regional driver licensing office.

24 ➔Section 2. At the minimum, in undertaking the pilot project identified in Section
25 1 of this Resolution, the Kentucky State Police shall:

26 (1) Coordinate with public libraries and high schools to use existing facilities to
27 host the testing when possible;

1 (2) Explore technological innovations that allow for proctored testing through
2 web-based applications;

3 (3) Explore using library and school personnel to aid in the administration of
4 testing where practical;

5 (4) Schedule remote testing in counties that coincides with Transportation
6 Cabinet "Popup" remote license issuance terminal visits to that county; and

7 (5) Collect data on the number of testing appointments in each county, the
8 number of applicants served, the number of unclaimed testing slots, and the number of
9 no-shows.

10 ➔Section 3. No later than November 30, 2024, the Kentucky State Police shall
11 report on the results of the pilot program identified in Section 1 of this Resolution, as
12 well as recommendations for elements of a permanent program, to the Interim Joint
13 Committee on Transportation.

14 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
15 Colonel Phillip "PJ" Burnett, Jr., Commissioner, Kentucky State Police, 919 Versailles
16 Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.