

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to
2 the election of state officers.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of amending Section 95 of the Constitution of
5 Kentucky to hold the election of all statewide Constitutional officers in even-numbered
6 years beginning after the November 2027 election, as stated below?

7 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (1) The election under this Constitution for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
10 Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and
11 Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, shall be held on the first Tuesday
12 after the first Monday in November ~~1895~~, ~~eighteen hundred and ninety five~~, and the
13 same day every four years thereafter ***through the election in November 2027; and***

14 ***(2) Following the election in November 2027, the election under this***
15 ***Constitution for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of Public***
16 ***Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Commissioner of Agriculture,***
17 ***Labor and Statistics, shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in***
18 ***November 2032, and the same day every four years thereafter.***

19 ➔Section 3. As a schedule of transitional provisions following ratification of this
20 amendment:

21 (1) The candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of
22 Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Commissioner of Agriculture,
23 Labor and Statistics that receive a certificate of election for those elective offices
24 following the regular election in November 2027 shall have the duration of their terms
25 extended by one year and shall for a single term serve a five-year term. The regular
26 election for those offices shall then be held in November 2032 and every four years
27 thereafter.

1 (2) No candidate or office holder, other than those listed in subsection (1) of this
2 section, shall have the duration of his or her term extended as a result of ratification of
3 this amendment.

4 ➔Section 4. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
5 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
6 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution, KRS 118.415, and Sections 5 and 6
7 of this Act.

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

18 ➔Section 6. Notwithstanding any provision of KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
19 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August
20 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be
21 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the
22 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September
23 preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice
24 President of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the question in Section 1 of this
25 Act and the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky
26 contained in Section 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk
27 shall have the entirety of the question and the amendment, as so certified, indicated on

- 1 the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to the voting
- 2 machines in use in each county or precinct.