

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 25 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of amending Section 25 of the Constitution of
5 Kentucky to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude in all circumstances, including as
6 punishment for a crime, while preserving the ability of prisoners to work while
7 imprisoned, as stated below?

8 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 25 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Slavery and involuntary servitude in this State are forbidden~~[-, except as a~~
11 ~~punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted].~~ **Nothing in this**
12 **section shall be construed to prohibit a person convicted of a felony and sentenced to**
13 **imprisonment from being employed as described in Section 253 of this Constitution or**
14 **otherwise as may be provided by law.**

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

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

1 the amendment is to be voted on.

2 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any provision of in KRS 118.415 to the contrary,
3 the Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in
4 August preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly
5 are to be chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice
6 President of the United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in
7 September preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for
8 President and Vice President of the United States, shall certify the entirety of the question
9 in Section 1 of this Act and the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of
10 Kentucky contained in Section 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the
11 county clerk shall have the entirety of the question and the amendment, as so certified,
12 indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to
13 the voting machines in use in each county or precinct.