

1 AN ACT designating the state dog breed.

2 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is a native Kentucky dog breed,
3 developed in the 19th century by two Kentucky breeders, John W. Walker and George
4 Washington Maupin, in Madison County; and

5 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is a hunting breed known to chase
6 quarry into trees, thus giving hunters a clear shot at game; and

7 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound is known for hunting raccoons, but is
8 also used for hunting other game, including animals ranging in size from rodents to bears;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Treeing Walker Coonhounds are fast, sensible hunters with clear,
11 ringing bugle voices; and

12 WHEREAS, Treeing Walker Coonhounds locate their quarry quickly by following
13 the freshest scent available and they exhibit superb endurance; and

14 WHEREAS, Treeing Walker Coonhounds are also great companion dogs, known
15 for their loyalty and intelligence, kindness to children, and ability to get along with other
16 dogs; and

17 WHEREAS, the breed was originally known as the Walker Coonhound Treeing and
18 was recognized by the United Kennel Club in 1905 as a part of the English Coonhound
19 breed. The name was changed to Treeing Walker Coonhound as a separate breed in 1945;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Treeing Walker Coonhound became a recognized breed of the
22 American Kennel Club in January 2012, and referenced by the AKC as "the people's
23 choice" among coonhounds;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO
27 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 *The Treeing Walker Coonhound is named and designated as the official state dog of*
- 2 *Kentucky.*