

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the establishment of the Kentucky  
2 Restoration of Voting Rights Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, the right to vote is a foundational principle of American democracy,  
4 reinforcing civic responsibility and engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky excludes from the right of  
6 suffrage individuals convicted of a felony, ensuring accountability and upholding the rule  
7 of law; and

8 WHEREAS, many Kentuckians who have completed their sentences have  
9 demonstrated a commitment to reentering society as law-abiding and productive citizens;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the current process for restoring voting rights is often complex and  
12 inefficient, creating unnecessary obstacles for individuals seeking to fully reintegrate into  
13 their communities; and

14 WHEREAS, promoting responsible civic participation through an efficient, fair,  
15 and secure voting rights restoration process strengthens public trust in government and  
16 the electoral system; and

17 WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that any changes to voting rights restoration  
18 are carefully considered, maintaining a balance between accountability, fairness, and  
19 election integrity; and

20 WHEREAS, Kentucky has an interest in reviewing and refining its approach to  
21 voting rights restoration while upholding the security and credibility of its electoral  
22 process;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
25 ***Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:***

26 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Restoration  
27 of Voting Rights Task Force. The task force shall review, study, and make

1 recommendations regarding the current language of the Constitution relating to the right  
2 to vote, and possible constitutional amendments or statutory changes to restore voting  
3 rights to individuals with felony convictions who have completed their sentences. The  
4 task force shall review existing laws and proposed amendments regarding voting rights  
5 restoration, seek input from impacted individuals and experts, and develop  
6 recommendations for legislative or constitutional amendments to be considered by the  
7 General Assembly.

8       ➔Section 2. The task force shall be composed of the following members with  
9 final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the  
10 Legislative Research Commission:

11       (1) Five members of the House of Representatives, four of whom shall be  
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with one serving as co-chair  
13 of the task force, and one of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the  
14 House of Representatives;

15       (2) Five members of the Senate, four of whom shall be appointed by the President  
16 of the Senate, with one serving as co-chair of the task force, and one of whom shall be  
17 appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate; and

18       (3) Any additional members as deemed necessary by the task force to fulfill its  
19 objectives.

20       ➔Section 3. The task force shall meet at least monthly during the 2025 Interim of  
21 the General Assembly unless otherwise directed by the commission, and shall be staffed  
22 by the Legislative Research Commission.

23       ➔Section 4. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and  
24 recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission no later than December 1,  
25 2025, for referral to the General Assembly and consideration in the 2026 Regular  
26 Session.

27       ➔Section 5. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the

- 1 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
- 2 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
- 3 designate a study completion date.