

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky  
2 relating to property exempt from taxation.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of providing an additional ad valorem tax  
5 exemption for real property maintained as the permanent residence of an owner who is 65  
6 years of age or older by amending the Constitution of Kentucky to read as stated below?

7 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky be  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 There shall be exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes;  
10 places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; real property owned and occupied  
11 by, and personal property both tangible and intangible owned by, institutions of religion;  
12 institutions of purely public charity, and institutions of education not used or employed  
13 for gain by any person or corporation, and the income of which is devoted solely to the  
14 cause of education, public libraries, their endowments, and the income of such property  
15 as is used exclusively for their maintenance; household goods of a person used in his  
16 home; crops grown in the year in which the assessment is made, and in the hands of the  
17 producer; and real property maintained as the permanent residence of the owner, who is  
18 sixty-five years of age or older, or is classified as totally disabled under a program  
19 authorized or administered by an agency of the United States government or by any  
20 retirement system either within or without the Commonwealth of Kentucky, provided the  
21 property owner received disability payments pursuant to such disability classification, has  
22 maintained such disability classification for the entirety of the particular taxation period,  
23 and has filed with the appropriate local assessor by December 31 of the taxation period,  
24 on forms provided therefor, a signed statement indicating continuing disability as  
25 provided herein made under penalty of perjury, up to the assessed valuation of sixty-five  
26 hundred dollars on said residence and contiguous real property, except for assessment for  
27 special benefits. ***For real property maintained as the permanent residence of an owner***

1 who is sixty-five years of age or older, there shall also be exempt any increase in the  
2 valuation of the owner's residence and contiguous real property that is assessed after  
3 the later of the year the owner turns sixty-five years of age or the year the owner  
4 purchased the residence and contiguous real property. The real property may be held by  
5 legal or equitable title, by the entirety, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or  
6 indirectly by the stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's  
7 proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of  
8 ninety-eight years. The exemptions shall apply only to the value of the real property  
9 assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a  
10 corporation, the value of the proportion which his interest in the corporation bears to the  
11 assessed value of the property. The General Assembly may authorize any incorporated  
12 city or town to exempt manufacturing establishments from municipal taxation, for a  
13 period not exceeding five years, as an inducement to their location. Notwithstanding the  
14 provisions of Sections 3, 172, and 174 of this Constitution to the contrary, the General  
15 Assembly may provide by law an exemption for all or any portion of the property tax for  
16 any class of personal property.

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

21       ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding any provision of KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the  
22 Secretary of State shall cause the question in Section 1 of this Act and the entirety of the  
23 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Section 2 of this Act  
24 to be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation published in this  
25 state, and shall also cause to be published at the same time and in the same manner the  
26 fact that the amendment will be submitted to the voters for their acceptance or rejection at  
27 the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be voted for.

1 The publication required by this section and KRS 118.415 shall be made no later than the  
2 first Tuesday in August preceding the election at which the amendment is to be voted on.

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

15       ➔Section 6. If the exemption created by the proposed amendment to Section 170  
16 of the Constitution of Kentucky in Section 2 of this Act is ratified by the voters of the  
17 Commonwealth, it shall only apply to increases in real property values that occur after  
18 the date of the ratification.