

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 increasing the homestead exemption to \$60,000
5 by amending the Constitution of Kentucky to read as stated below?

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

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

1 common, as a condominium, or indirectly by the stock ownership or membership
2 representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or
3 a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemptions shall apply only to
4 the value of the real property assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through
5 stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which his interest in the
6 corporation bears to the assessed value of the property. The General Assembly may
7 authorize any incorporated city or town to exempt manufacturing establishments from
8 municipal taxation, for a period not exceeding five years, as an inducement to their
9 location. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 3, 172, and 174 of this Constitution
10 to the contrary, the General Assembly may provide by law an exemption for all or any
11 portion of the property tax for any class of personal property.

12 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
13 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
14 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under Sections 4 and 5 of this
15 Act.

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

25 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any provision of KRS 118.415 to the contrary, not
26 later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August preceding the next
27 regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be chosen in a year in

1 which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the United States, or not
2 later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September preceding a regular election
3 in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice President of the United
4 States, the Secretary of State shall certify the complete text of Section 1 of this Act and
5 the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in
6 Section 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk shall have
7 the entirety of the text and the amendment, as so certified, indicated on the ballots
8 provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to the voting machines in
9 use in each county or precinct.