

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to persons entitled to vote.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of amending Section 145 of the Constitution of
5 Kentucky to restore the voting rights of a person convicted of a felony, if the person is not
6 incarcerated? Under the amendment, the General Assembly could designate particular
7 felonies that would disqualify convicted persons from voting. The full text of the
8 proposed amendment is set forth in Section 2 below.

9 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years who has resided in
12 the state one year, and in the county six months, and the precinct in which he offers to
13 vote sixty days next preceding the election, shall be a voter in said precinct and not
14 elsewhere but the following persons are excepted and shall not have the right to vote.

15 1. Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of ~~treason, or felony,~~
16 ~~or bribery in an election, or of~~ such ***felony or*** high misdemeanor as the General
17 Assembly may declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but
18 persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon.

19 2. Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the
20 judgment of a court for some penal offense.

21 3. Idiots and insane persons.

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

26 ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
27 Secretary of State shall cause the question in Section 1 of this Act and the entirety of the

1 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Section 2 of this Act
2 to be published at least one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation published in
3 this state, and shall also cause to be published at the same time and in the same manner
4 the fact that the amendment will be submitted to the voters for their acceptance or
5 rejection at the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be
6 voted for. The publication required by this section and KRS 118.415 shall be made no
7 later than the first Tuesday in August preceding the election at which the amendment is to
8 be voted on.

9 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
10 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August
11 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be
12 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the
13 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September
14 preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice
15 President of the United States, shall certify the question in Section 1 of this Act and the
16 entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Section
17 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk shall have the
18 question in Section 1 of this Act and the entirety of the amendment contained in Section 2
19 of this Act, as so certified, indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or
20 electronic form as applicable to the voting machines in use in each county or precinct.