

1 AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky
2 relating to voting rights.

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 five years have
6 passed since the person completed his or her sentence, and if the person has not been
7 convicted of a sex offense, a violent offense, or an offense against a child? The full text
8 of the 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, ***a sex***
16 ***offense, a violent offense, or an offense against a child,*** ~~for felony,~~ for bribery in an
17 election, or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may declare shall operate
18 as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to
19 their civil rights by executive pardon.

20 2. ***Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of a felony other***
21 ***than a sex offense, a violent offense, or an offense against a child, but persons hereby***
22 ***excluded shall be restored to their voting rights five years after the completion of their***
23 ***sentence, and may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon.***

24 ***3.*** Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the
25 judgment of a court for some penal offense.

26 ***4.***~~***3.***~~ Idiots and insane persons.

27 ➔Section 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the

1 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
2 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under Sections 4 and 5 of this
3 Act.

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

14 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
15 Secretary of State, not later than the second Monday after the second Tuesday in August
16 preceding the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are to be
17 chosen in a year in which there is not an election for President and Vice President of the
18 United States, or not later than the Thursday after the first Tuesday in September
19 preceding a regular election in a year in which there is an election for President and Vice
20 President of the United States, shall certify the text of Section 1 of this Act and the
21 entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Section
22 2 of this Act to the county clerk of each county, and the county clerk shall have the text of
23 Section 1 of this Act and the entirety of the amendment contained in Section 2 of this Act,
24 as so certified, indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form
25 as applicable to the voting machines in use in each county or precinct.