

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 restoring the right to vote to persons convicted of
5 a felony who have completed their probation or final discharge from parole or their
6 maximum expiration of sentence, and if such person was not convicted of a felony
7 involving as an element of the offense: the intentional killing of a human being not done
8 under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance for which there was a reasonable
9 explanation or excuse; sexual contact with a minor; sexual intercourse; or deviate sexual
10 intercourse, by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

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

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

17 1. Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or ***of any***
18 ***felony that includes, as an element of the offense, the intentional killing of a human***
19 ***being not done under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance for which there***
20 ***was a reasonable explanation or excuse, sexual contact with a minor, sexual***
21 ***intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse***, or ***of*** bribery in an election, or of such high
22 misdemeanor as the General Assembly may declare shall operate as an exclusion from the
23 right of suffrage, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights by
24 executive pardon. ***Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of any other***
25 ***felony shall be excluded from the right of suffrage until expiration of probation or***
26 ***final discharge from parole or maximum expiration of sentence, unless restored to***
27 ***their civil rights earlier by executive pardon; and***

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

3 ~~{3.—Idiots and insane persons.}~~

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

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

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

- 1 ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as applicable to the voting
- 2 machines in use in each county or precinct.