

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 36, 42, and 55 of the Constitution of
2 Kentucky relating to sessions of the General Assembly.

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

4 ➔Section 1. It is proposed that Section 36 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The General Assembly, in odd-numbered years, shall meet in regular session
7 for a period not to exceed a total of thirty (30) legislative days, **except as otherwise**
8 **provided in this Constitution**, divided as follows: The General Assembly shall convene
9 for the first part of the session on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January in
10 odd-numbered years for the purposes of electing legislative leaders, adopting rules of
11 procedure, organizing committees, and introducing and considering legislation. The
12 General Assembly shall then adjourn. The General Assembly shall convene for the
13 second part of the session on the first Tuesday in February of that year. Any legislation
14 introduced but not enacted in the first part of the session shall be carried over into the
15 second part of the session. In any part of the session in an odd-numbered year, no bill
16 raising revenue or appropriating funds shall become a law unless it shall be agreed to by
17 three-fifths of all the members elected to each House.

18 (2) The General Assembly shall then adjourn until the first Tuesday after the first
19 Monday in January of the following even-numbered years, at which time the General
20 Assembly shall convene in regular session.

21 (3) All sessions shall be held at the seat of government, except in case of war,
22 insurrection or pestilence, when it may, by proclamation of the Governor, assemble, for
23 the time being, elsewhere.

24 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
25 amended to read as follows:

26 **(1) (a)** The members of the General Assembly shall severally receive from the
27 State Treasury compensation for their services: Provided, No change **to the compensation**

1 of the members of the General Assembly shall take effect during the session at which it
2 is made.

3 (b) ~~No~~; ~~nor shall a~~ session occurring in odd-numbered years shall continue
4 beyond thirty legislative days~~[extend beyond March 30]~~; nor shall a session of the
5 General Assembly occurring in even-numbered years continue beyond sixty legislative
6 days, except that a session in any year may, by a vote of three-fifths of the members
7 elected to each House, be extended by no more than ten legislative days, with no
8 legislative session under this section of the Constitution to extend beyond December
9 31.~~[nor shall it extend beyond April 15]~~ These limitations as to length of sessions shall
10 not apply to any extraordinary session under Section 80 of this Constitution or to the
11 Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment. A legislative day shall be construed to
12 mean a calendar day, exclusive of Sundays, legal holidays, or any day on which neither
13 House meets.

14 ➔Section 3. It is proposed that Section 55 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
15 amended to read as follows:

16 No act, except general appropriation bills, shall become a law until ninety days after
17 its passage and approval by the Governor or as otherwise provided in this
18 Constitution~~[the adjournment of the session at which it was passed]~~, except in cases of
19 emergency, when, by the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to each House
20 of the General Assembly, by a yea and nay vote entered upon their journals, an act may
21 become a law when approved by the Governor; but the reasons for the emergency that
22 justifies this action must be set out at length in the journal of each House.

23 ➔Section 4. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the
24 Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided
25 for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The
26 following shall be printed on the ballot:

27 "Are you in favor of amending Sections 36, 42, and 55 of the Constitution of

1 Kentucky to eliminate the existing dates by which the General Assembly must complete
2 the allotted number of legislative days for the session, with no session to extend beyond
3 December 31, and, if three-fifths of the members elected to each House agree, to allow
4 the General Assembly to extend a regular legislative session by no more than ten
5 legislative days, and to provide that all acts passed by the General Assembly shall become
6 law ninety days after passage and signature of the Governor, or as otherwise provided in
7 the Constitution?

8 **Section 36**

9 (1) The General Assembly, in odd-numbered years, shall meet in regular session for a
10 period not to exceed a total of thirty (30) legislative days, **except as otherwise provided in**
11 **this Constitution**, divided as follows: The General Assembly shall convene for the first
12 part of the session on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January in odd-numbered
13 years for the purposes of electing legislative leaders, adopting rules of procedure,
14 organizing committees, and introducing and considering legislation. The General
15 Assembly shall then adjourn. The General Assembly shall convene for the second part of
16 the session on the first Tuesday in February of that year. Any legislation introduced but
17 not enacted in the first part of the session shall be carried over into the second part of the
18 session. In any part of the session in an odd-numbered year, no bill raising revenue or
19 appropriating funds shall become a law unless it shall be agreed to by three-fifths of all
20 the members elected to each House.

21 (2) The General Assembly shall then adjourn until the first Tuesday after the first
22 Monday in January of the following even-numbered years, at which time the General
23 Assembly shall convene in regular session.

24 (3) All sessions shall be held at the seat of government, except in case of war,
25 insurrection or pestilence, when it may, by proclamation of the Governor, assemble, for
26 the time being, elsewhere.

27 **Section 42**

1 **(1) (a)** The members of the General Assembly shall severally receive from the
2 State Treasury compensation for their services: Provided, No change **to the compensation**
3 **of the members of the General Assembly** shall take effect during the session at which it
4 is made.

5 **(b) No**~~;~~ ~~nor shall a~~ session occurring in odd-numbered years **shall continue**
6 **beyond thirty legislative days**~~[extend beyond March 30]~~; nor shall a session of the
7 General Assembly occurring in even-numbered years continue beyond sixty legislative
8 days, **except that a session in any year may, by a vote of three-fifths of the members**
9 **elected to each House, be extended by no more than ten legislative days, with no**
10 **legislative session under this section of the Constitution to extend beyond December**
11 **31**~~;~~ ~~nor shall it extend beyond April 15;~~ These limitations as to length of sessions shall
12 not apply **to any extraordinary session under Section 80 of this Constitution or** to the
13 Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment. A legislative day shall be construed to
14 mean a calendar day, exclusive of Sundays, legal holidays, or any day on which neither
15 House meets.

16 **Section 55**

17 No act, except general appropriation bills, shall become a law until ninety days after
18 **its passage and approval by the Governor or as otherwise provided in this**
19 **Constitution**~~[the adjournment of the session at which it was passed]~~, except in cases of
20 emergency, when, by the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to each House
21 of the General Assembly, by a yea and nay vote entered upon their journals, an act may
22 become a law when approved by the Governor; but the reasons for the emergency that
23 justifies this action must be set out at length in the journal of each House."