

1 AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating  
2 to medical rights.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of creating a new section of the Constitution of  
5 Kentucky to establish that an individual's right to refuse any medical procedure,  
6 treatment, injection, device, or prophylactic may not be interfered with or questioned, by  
7 amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

8 ➔SECTION 2. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO  
9 THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 ***The right of an individual to refuse any medical procedure, treatment, injection,***  
11 ***device, or prophylactic may not be questioned or interfered with in any manner.***  
12 ***Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged to any person in this***  
13 ***Commonwealth because of the exercise of the right under this section.***

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

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

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