

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to
2 sessions of the General Assembly.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Are you in favor of amending Section 42 of the Constitution of
5 Kentucky to eliminate the existing dates by which the General Assembly must complete
6 the allotted number of legislative days for the session, with no session to extend beyond
7 December 31?

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

10 The members of the General Assembly shall severally receive from the State
11 Treasury compensation for their services: Provided, No change shall take effect during
12 the session at which it is made; nor shall a session occurring in odd-numbered years
13 extend beyond ***thirty legislative days***~~[March 30]~~; nor shall a session of the General
14 Assembly occurring in even-numbered years continue beyond sixty legislative days; ***nor***
15 ***shall a session of the General Assembly extend beyond December 31.***~~[, nor shall it~~
16 ~~extend beyond April 15;]~~ These limitations as to length of sessions shall not apply to the
17 Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment. A legislative day shall be construed to
18 mean a calendar day, exclusive of Sundays, legal holidays, or any day on which neither
19 House meets.

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

24 ➔Section 4. Notwithstanding any provision of KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
25 Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the question in Section 1 of this Act and the
26 entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky contained in Section
27 2 of this Act to be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation

1 published in this state, and shall also cause to be published at the same time and in the
2 same manner the fact that the amendment will be submitted to the voters for their
3 acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at which members of the General
4 Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by this section and KRS 118.415
5 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August preceding the election at which
6 the amendment is to be voted on.

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