

1 AN ACT proposing to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to
2 the election of state officers.

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

4 ➔Section 1. "Are you in favor of holding the election of all statewide
5 Constitutional officers in even-numbered years beginning with the regular election in
6 2028 and every four years thereafter, which will save substantial state and local funds,
7 with those officers elected in 2023 serving a five-year term, by amending the Constitution
8 of Kentucky to read as stated below?

9 ➔Section 2. It is proposed that Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky be
10 amended to read as follows:

11 **(1) The election under this Constitution for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,**
12 **Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and**
13 **Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, shall be held on the first Tuesday after**
14 **the first Monday in November ~~1895~~, ~~eighteen hundred and ninety five~~, and the same**
15 **day every four years thereafter *through the election in November 2023.***

16 **(2) Following the election in November 2023, the election under this**
17 **Constitution for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of Public**
18 **Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Commissioner of Agriculture,**
19 **Labor and Statistics, shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in**
20 **November 2028, and the same day every four years thereafter.**

21 ➔Section 3. It is further proposed as a part of this amendment and as a schedule
22 of transitional provisions, for the purposes of this amendment, and any other provision of
23 the Constitution of Kentucky notwithstanding:

24 (1) The candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of
25 Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Commissioner of Agriculture,
26 Labor and Statistics that receive a certificate of election for those elective offices
27 following the regular election in November 2023 shall have the duration of their terms

1 extended by one year and shall for a single term serve a five-year term. The election for
2 those offices shall then be held in November 2028 and every four years thereafter.

3 (2) No candidate or office holder, other than those listed in subsection (1) of this
4 section, shall have the duration of his or her term extended by this proposed amendment.

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

9 ➔Section 5. Notwithstanding any language in KRS 118.415 to the contrary, the
10 Secretary of State shall cause the entirety of the proposed amendment to the Constitution
11 of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to be published at least one (1) time
12 in a newspaper of general circulation published in this state, and shall also cause to be
13 published at the same time and in the same manner the fact that the amendment will be
14 submitted to the voters for their acceptance or rejection at the next regular election at
15 which members of the General Assembly are to be voted for. The publication required by
16 this section and KRS 118.415 shall be made no later than the first Tuesday in August
17 preceding the election at which the amendment is to be voted on.

18 ➔Section 6. 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 proposed amendment to the
25 Constitution of Kentucky contained in Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to the county clerk of
26 each county, and the county clerk shall have the entirety of the amendment, as so
27 certified, indicated on the ballots provided to the voters in paper or electronic form as

- 1 applicable to the voting machines in use in each county or precinct.