

AN ACT proposing to amend Section 5 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to right of religious freedom.

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

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

No preference shall ever be given by law to any religious sect, society or denomination; nor to any particular creed, mode of worship or system of ecclesiastical polity; nor shall any person be compelled to attend any place of worship, to contribute to the erection or maintenance of any such place, or to the salary or support of any minister of religion; nor shall any man be compelled to send his child to any school to which he may be conscientiously opposed; and the civil rights, privileges or capacities of no person shall be taken away, or in anywise diminished or enlarged, on account of his belief or disbelief of any religious tenet, dogma or teaching. No human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience, ***nor shall any human authority burden a person's or religious organization's right to act or refuse to act in a manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief except in support of a compelling governmental interest using the least restrictive means to further that interest. As used in this section, "burden" includes but is not limited to withholding of benefits, assessment of penalties, exclusion from programs, restriction of access to facilities, or other indirect methods of limiting or restricting the activities of a person or group.***

➔Section 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415. The question on the ballot shall read as follows: "Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that no human authority can burden a person's or religious organization's right to act or refuse to act in a manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief except in support of a compelling governmental interest using the least

restrictive means to further that interest?"