A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a majority of voters in Kentucky (59%) believe abortion should be legal and that the government should not prevent a woman from making the decision whether or not to have an abortion for herself. Criminalization of abortion is unpopular among Kentucky voters, with 17% saying they would only vote for a candidate who supports criminalizing abortion and punishing women who obtain one. The majority (77%) would either oppose such a candidate, consider a candidate's position on abortion as one of many important factors, or not consider it a major issue in their decision on candidates for Governor.

A majority of voters (55%) also say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who would allow abortion later in pregnancy when something during a pregnancy has gone wrong, such as a fetus that cannot survive, danger to a woman's life or health, or other serious circumstances. Only 26% say they would be less likely to vote for such a candidate.

Key findings from the survey include:

- A majority of Democrats (71%) and independents (62%), and 45% of Republicans in Kentucky believe that abortion should be legal and that the government should not prevent a woman from making the decision for herself.

- A majority of Democrats (62%) and independents (57%) and a plurality of Republicans (47%) are more likely to vote for a candidate who would allow abortion later in pregnancy when something goes wrong, such as a fetus that cannot survive, danger to a woman's life or health, or other serious circumstances.

PPP surveyed 608 Kentucky voters from October 16-17, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. The survey was conducted by telephone.