

1 AN ACT relating to the governance of the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 167.017 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) **(a)** The superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Deaf shall be appointed by
5 the chief state school officer. The appointment shall be made upon
6 recommendation of a search committee which shall be appointed by the
7 Kentucky Board of Education whenever appointment of a superintendent
8 becomes necessary.

9 **(b) The appointment of the superintendent shall be made within thirty (30) days**
10 **of the recommendation of the search committee, unless the chief state**
11 **school officer provides written notification to the Kentucky Board of**
12 **Education of the reasoning for the failure to make the appointment within**
13 **the allotted time.**

14 (2) **(a)** The search committee for the superintendent of the Kentucky School for the
15 Deaf shall **be appointed within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of a**
16 **vacancy and shall** consist of the representative of the~~[State]~~ Department of
17 Education selected by the chief state school officer, one (1) representative of
18 the Kentucky Association of the Deaf, Inc., one (1) representative of the
19 Kentucky School for the Deaf Alumni Association, Inc., one (1)
20 representative of the Kentucky School for the Deaf faculty, one (1) parent of a
21 student at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, and one (1) representative of the
22 Kentucky School for the Deaf advisory board.

23 **(b)** The search committee's recommendation **shall**~~[must]~~ be approved by a
24 majority of the Kentucky Board of Education members.

25 **(c) In making its recommendation, the search committee shall prioritize**
26 **candidates who are willing to reside near the Kentucky School for the Deaf**
27 **facilities and commit to full-time employment as superintendent of the**

1 **Kentucky School for the Deaf.**

2 (3) The superintendent of the Kentucky School for the Deaf may be removed from
3 office by the Kentucky Board of Education only by a majority vote of the Kentucky
4 Board of Education.

5 **(4) A current or former employee of the Kentucky Department of Education or a**
6 **current or former member of the Kentucky Board of Education shall not be**
7 **eligible for consideration for appointment as the superintendent of the Kentucky**
8 **School for the Deaf for a period of one (1) year after:**

9 **(a) The date of leaving the position or termination of employment; or**

10 **(b) The date the term of office to which the member of the board was appointed**
11 **expires.**

12 **(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, this section shall not be construed**
13 **to prohibit a binding contract for the employment of a superintendent for the**
14 **Kentucky School for the Deaf entered into prior to the effective date of this Act.**