

1 AN ACT relating to the Judicial Council.

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

3 ➔ Section 1. KRS 27A.100 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is hereby created a Judicial Council composed of the following persons:

5 **(a) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his or her designee from among**
6 **the members of that court;**

7 **(b) The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals or his or her designee from among**
8 **the members of that court;**

9 **(c) Two (2) Circuit Judges, one (1) of whom shall be a Family Court Judge,**
10 **elected by the Circuit Judges Association of Kentucky;**

11 **(d) Two (2) District Judges, elected by the District Judges' Association of**
12 **Kentucky**~~[The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his designee from~~
13 ~~among the members of that court; the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals or~~
14 ~~his designee from among the members of that court; four (4) Circuit Judges,~~
15 ~~and four (4) District Judges, all of whom shall be appointed by the Chief~~
16 ~~Justice of the Supreme Court];~~

17 **(e)** The president of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks;

18 **(f)** Three (3) members of the State Bar of Kentucky who shall be appointed by its
19 board of governors;~~[and]~~

20 **(g) The president of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association, who shall**
21 **serve as a non-voting, ex officio member;**

22 **(h) The president of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association,**
23 **who shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member;**

24 **(i) The public advocate, who shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member;**
25 **and**

26 **(j)** The **chairs**~~[chairmen]~~ of the Judiciary Committees of the House of
27 Representatives and of the Senate, or the vice **chair**~~[chairman]~~ of **either**~~[any]~~

1 of these committees if the ~~chair~~^{chairman} declines to serve, who shall serve
2 as non-voting, ex officio members.

3 (2) The appointed members shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their
4 successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies in the office of appointed members
5 shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

6 (3) (a) The chair of the House Judiciary Committee, or the vice chair if the chair
7 declines to serve, shall serve as chair of the council for one (1) year
8 beginning January 1, 2023, with the Chair of the Senate Judiciary
9 Committee serving as vice chair of the council;

10 (b) The chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, or the vice chair if the chair
11 declines to serve, shall serve as chair of the council for one (1) year
12 beginning January 1, 2024, with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or
13 his or her designee from among the members of that court, serving as vice
14 chair of the council;

15 (c) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or his or her designee from among
16 the members of that court shall serve as chair of the council for one (1) year
17 beginning January 1, 2025, with the chair of the House Judiciary
18 Committee, or the vice chair if the chair declines to serve, serving as vice
19 chair of the council;

20 (d) The vice chair shall serve in the absence of the chair;

21 (e) Upon expiration of the term of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the
22 rotation established under paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection shall
23 continue in perpetuity; and

24 (f) The members of the council shall annually select a secretary from among
25 the voting membership of the council~~Chief Justice of the Supreme Court~~
26 ~~shall be the chairman of the council, or if he is not a member or declines to~~
27 ~~serve as chairman, a member of the council shall be appointed by him to serve~~

1 ~~as chairman. The administrative director of the courts shall serve as secretary~~].