

1 AN ACT relating to compensation of members of the General Assembly.

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

3 ➔ Section 1. KRS 6.190 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1) (a)** ~~[Beginning as of January 1, 1984,] The [members of the General Assembly,~~
5 ~~other than the] Speaker of the House of Representatives[,] ***and*** the President~~
6 ~~of the Senate~~ ***of the General Assembly shall receive as compensation one***
7 ***hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) per year.***~~[,]~~

8 **(b)** The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives ***and the***~~[,]~~
9 President Pro Tempore of the Senate ***shall receive as compensation one***
10 ***hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) per year.***~~[, and]~~

11 **(c) 1.** The majority ***leader***~~[and minority leadership]~~ of each house of the
12 General Assembly~~[,]~~ shall each receive as compensation one hundred
13 ***and five thousand*** dollars ***(\$105,000)***~~[(\$100)]~~ per ***year.***

14 **2.** ***The minority leader of each house of the General Assembly shall***
15 ***receive as compensation ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) per***
16 ***year.***~~[day, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~
17 ~~Representatives shall each receive as compensation one hundred twenty-~~
18 ~~five dollars (\$125) per day, the majority and minority floor leaders of~~
19 ~~each house of the General Assembly shall each receive as compensation~~
20 ~~one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) per day, and the President Pro~~
21 ~~Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore, and]~~

22 **(d) 1.** The majority~~[and minority]~~ caucus ***chair***~~[chairmen and whips]~~ of each
23 house of the General Assembly shall each receive as compensation
24 ***ninety thousand***~~[one hundred fifteen]~~ dollars ***(\$90,000)***~~[(\$115)]~~ per
25 ***year.***

26 **2.** ***The minority caucus chair of each house of the General Assembly***
27 ***shall each receive as compensation eighty-five thousand dollars***

1 (\$85,000) per year.

2 (e) 1. The majority whip of each house of the General Assembly shall
3 receive as compensation ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) per year.

4 2. The minority whip of each house of the General Assembly shall
5 receive as compensation eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) per
6 year.

7 (f) All other members of the General Assembly who are not in the positions
8 listed in paragraphs (a) to (e) of this subsection shall receive as
9 compensation seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year.

10 (2) (a) ~~[day, during the session of the General Assembly.]~~In addition to his or her
11 compensation as a member of the General Assembly, the following members
12 shall receive an annual supplement, prorated for each month serving in the
13 position after the Committee on Committees or Legislative Research
14 Commission, as appropriate, makes the appointment:

15 1. Each chair of the Appropriations and Revenue~~[chairman of a]~~ standing
16 committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate shall receive a
17 supplement of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000);

18 2. Except as directed in subparagraph 1. of this paragraph, each chair of
19 a standing committee of the House Representatives or the Senate shall
20 receive a supplement of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), but chairs
21 of the Committee on Committees, Rules Committee, and Enrollment
22 Committee shall not be eligible;

23 3. Each chair of a budget review subcommittee of the House of
24 Representatives or the Senate shall receive a supplement of ten
25 thousand dollars (\$10,000); and

26 4. Each chair of an interim task force, working group, or subcommittee
27 of the House of Representatives or the Senate shall receive a

1 supplement of five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~[compensation of ten~~
2 ~~dollars (\$10) for each regularly scheduled meeting of the standing~~
3 ~~committee which he chairs during sessions of the General Assembly].~~

4 **(b) The annual supplements provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall**
5 **be considered creditable compensation for retirement. Only members who**
6 **have been appointed as chair by the Committee on Committees or**
7 **Legislative Research Commission shall receive the supplement. If a member**
8 **has been appointed as chair of more than one (1) committee, task force,**
9 **work group, or subcommittee, he or she shall only be compensated for one**
10 **(1) position, in which he or she may select. If a chair resigns or is removed,**
11 **he or she shall only receive a supplement for the months that he or she**
12 **served as chair. The director of the Legislative Research Commission shall**
13 **certify to the business office of the General Assembly each month a member**
14 **has served as chair.**

15 **(3)** ~~[Beginning as of July 1, 1980,]~~Each member of the General Assembly shall
16 receive mileage and reimbursement of road tolls for one (1) round trip for each
17 week of the session between his or her home and the State Capitol during regular
18 sessions and extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly and the necessary
19 travel in going to and returning from the sessions of their respective houses. The
20 mileage allowance under this section shall be equal to the maximum mileage
21 allowance permitted by the federal government, to be increased as federal mileage
22 allowance is increased.

23 **(4) On the first and fifteenth of each month, the secretary of the Finance and**
24 **Administration Cabinet shall draw his or her warrant on the Treasurer in favor**
25 **of each member of the General Assembly the annual salaries set forth in this**
26 **section.**

27 **(5) A member shall have his or her salary and supplement increased or decreased on**

1 July 1 of each year by the percentage increase in the nonseasonally adjusted
2 annual average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S.
3 City Average, All Items, between the two (2) most recent calendar years available,
4 as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, not to exceed five
5 percent (5%).

6 ➔ Section 2. KRS 6.211 is amended to read as follows:

7 ~~[Effective January 1, 1994,]~~In addition to any and all sums, compensation, or expenses
8 now paid the members of the General Assembly, each shall receive an expense allowance
9 that shall be determined by the Legislative Research Commission~~[of one hundred ten~~
10 ~~percent (110%) of the expense allowance paid federal employees traveling in the~~
11 ~~Frankfort, Kentucky area for each calendar day. This sum shall be paid whether the~~
12 ~~General Assembly is in regular or extraordinary session and shall be in full recompense~~
13 ~~of any additional expenses incurred in excess of that now received by them].~~

14 ➔ Section 3. KRS 6.213 is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) (a) In addition to the~~[per diem and all]~~ allowances provided by law to members
16 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, each member of
17 the House of Representatives~~[Legislature]~~ is hereby granted an expense
18 allowance of two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~[nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950)]~~
19 per month for secretarial assistance, books and periodicals, other reports or
20 publications, conduct of small-scale studies related to governmental activity,
21 postage, telephone service, or any other expense incident to performance of
22 the legislator's duties.

23 (b) Each member of the Senate shall be granted an expense allowance of two
24 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per month for secretarial assistance,
25 books and periodicals, other reports or publications, conduct of small-scale
26 studies related to governmental activity, postage, telephone service, or any
27 other expense incident to performance of the legislator's duties.

(c) The Legislative Research Commission shall adopt procedures to allow for adjustments in expenses allowances.

(2) The expense allowance provided for herein shall not be payable during any session of the General Assembly. For sessions occurring during a part of the month, the expense allowance shall be prorated.

(3) Such expense allowances shall be paid by the State Treasury out of the general fund of the Commonwealth upon warrant of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, issued on the certification of the director of the Legislative Research Commission.

➔Section 4. KRS 6.220 is amended to read as follows:

In lieu of stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the General Assembly **an amount to be determined by the Legislative Research Commission**~~[the sum of fifty dollars (\$50)]~~. This allowance shall be paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of the session.

➔Section 5. KRS 6.225 is amended to read as follows:

Between sessions of the General Assembly, offices shall be maintained in the State Capitol building for the use and benefit of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. **When the General Assembly is not in session,**~~[Except when the General Assembly is in session]~~ the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall **be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses each day they are engaged in the duties of their offices**~~[each receive an amount per day equal to the per diem compensation they receive during sessions of the General Assembly for each day they are engaged in the duties of their offices and shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses]~~.

➔Section 6. KRS 7.090 is amended to read as follows:

(1) There is created a Legislative Research Commission as an independent agency in the legislative branch of state government, which is exempt from control by the executive branch and from reorganization by the Governor. The Commission shall

1 have the duties, responsibilities, and powers assigned to it or authorized it by the
2 General Assembly, by statute or otherwise.

3 (2) The Legislative Research Commission shall be composed of the President of the
4 Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, the
6 majority and minority floor leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives,
7 the majority and minority whips of the Senate, the majority and minority whips of
8 the House, and the majority and minority caucus chairs of the Senate and House of
9 Representatives. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled by the remaining
10 members who are of the same chamber membership and political party affiliation as
11 the person having vacated Commission membership. If the vacancy is in the
12 membership of the House of Representatives, the successor shall be from the
13 House, and if the vacancy is from the Senate membership of the Commission, the
14 successor shall be from the Senate. A member elected to fill any vacancy shall hold
15 office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor. The President of the Senate
16 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve as co-chairs of the
17 Commission.

18 (3) The Legislative Research Commission shall meet during regular and special
19 sessions of the General Assembly, and during the intervals between sessions at such
20 times and places as the co-chairs may determine. Meetings of the Commission shall
21 be called by the co-chairs on their own initiative, or at the written request of any
22 three (3) members of the Commission. Any action of the Commission shall require
23 an affirmative roll call vote of a majority of the Commission's entire membership.
24 For attending meetings of the Commission or any of its subcommittees whose
25 membership consists only of members of the Commission between sessions of the
26 General Assembly, the members of the Commission shall be paid their necessary
27 traveling expenses ~~and in addition thereto an amount per day equal to the per diem~~

1 ~~compensation they receive during any session]. For attending meetings of interim~~
2 ~~joint committees or other Commission subcommittees, members of the Commission~~
3 ~~shall be paid their necessary traveling expenses[an amount per day equal to that~~
4 ~~received by all other members of the committees or subcommittees who are not~~
5 ~~designated as chairs or co-chairs].~~

6 (4) The Commission shall appoint a director, who shall be a person who has
7 demonstrated exemplary moral and ethical leadership while holding a significant
8 leadership position in business, government, military service, or a nonprofit
9 organization or charity, and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the
10 Commission. The salary of the director shall be determined by the Commission.
11 The Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the employment of
12 personnel necessary to effectuate the provisions of KRS 7.090 to 7.110.

13 (5) Any professional, clerical, or other employees required by any committee appointed
14 by the General Assembly shall be provided to the committee by the Legislative
15 Research Commission. The chair of the committee shall advise the director of the
16 Legislative Research Commission of his or her need for personnel. In the event that
17 the personnel required by any committee cannot be met by the staff of the
18 Legislative Research Commission, the director shall employ personnel as necessary
19 to meet the needs of the committee, and shall fix the rate of compensation of the
20 employees.

21 (6) The director shall, at the discretion of the Commission and under its supervision
22 and control, provide for the:

- 23 (a) Allocation of the work and activities of all employees of the Commission; and
24 (b) Implementation of a work-related incentive program for employees of the
25 Commission using an employee suggestion system. Employees may be
26 recognized and rewarded for submitting suggestions that result in the
27 improvement of services or in the realization of financial savings by the

1 legislative branch. When an employee suggestion has been adopted and
2 resulted in financial savings to the legislative branch of government, the
3 employee who submitted the suggestion may be compensated through a cash
4 bonus in an amount that is the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the amount saved
5 or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

6 (7) The director shall inform the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and
7 the Minority Floor Leaders of each chamber of any personnel matter or allegation
8 of wrongdoing involving a member of the General Assembly that has the potential
9 of leading to litigation in which the General Assembly or Legislative Research
10 Commission may be a party. The members so informed shall keep the matter
11 confidential. The director shall inform the members within forty-eight (48) hours of
12 becoming aware of the allegation or situation.

13 (8) The Commission may, in effectuating the provisions of KRS 7.090 to 7.110,
14 contract with any public or private agency or educational institution or any
15 individual for research studies, the gathering of information, or the printing and
16 publication of its reports.

17 (9) The Legislative Research Commission shall constitute administrative offices for the
18 General Assembly and the director shall serve as administrative officer for the
19 assembly when it is not otherwise in session.

20 (10) (a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
21 shall have the authority to approve~~[the in-state and]~~ out-of-state~~[per diem~~
22 ~~and]~~ expenses for members of their respective chambers.

23 (b) All other travel and expense guidelines for members, including housing
24 expenses for in-state travel, shall be set by the Legislative Research
25 Commission.

26 (11) The Legislative Research Commission shall display the national motto "In God We
27 Trust" directly above and behind the chair~~[chairman or chairwoman]~~ in each

1 committee room used by members of the General Assembly in the Capitol and
2 Capitol Annex and behind the dais of the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3 and the President of the Senate. The display shall be consistent with the historic and
4 patriotic display of the national motto located directly above and behind the dais of
5 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

6 ➔Section 7. KRS 7.110 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) **(a)** The Commission, its **co-chairs**~~[co-chairmen]~~ or director, any other member of
8 the General Assembly authorized by the director, or any employee authorized
9 by the director, shall have access to all public records as provided in KRS
10 61.870 to 61.884, of every agency, division or department of state
11 government, and of any agency or institution, public or private, which has
12 been the recipient of public funds.

13 **(b)** The Commission, its **co-chairs**~~[co-chairmen]~~ or director, any other member of
14 the General Assembly authorized by the director, or any employee authorized
15 by the director, may utilize automated data processing procedures and
16 equipment in the accession of public records, if such records exist in machine
17 readable form. To effect the purposes of this section, the Commission shall
18 promulgate such rules and regulations relating to the accession of public
19 records as are necessary.

20 **(c)** The Commission, its **co-chairs**~~[co-chairmen]~~ or director, any other member
21 of the General Assembly authorized by the director, or any employee
22 authorized by the director, may require information on oath of any person
23 touching any matter which he **or she** is instructed to investigate, study, or
24 audit, and shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and records for such
25 purpose, and otherwise compel the giving of evidence of any matter under
26 study. If any person fails or refuses to testify or furnish documentary evidence
27 concerning any matter with respect to which the Commission desires

1 information pertaining to the studies in which it is engaged, the Franklin
2 Circuit Court, on application of the Commission, may compel obedience by
3 proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of a subpoena issued
4 from the Circuit Court or a refusal to testify therein. Every witness so
5 subpoenaed under this section shall receive for his or her attendance the fee
6 and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in Circuit Court, which shall
7 be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by the
8 witness and approved by the Commission.

9 (2) All state agencies and institutions shall cooperate with the Commission to
10 effectuate the purposes of KRS 7.090 to 7.110 and shall submit copies of their
11 annual or biennial reports to the Commission.

12 (3) The Commission shall encourage and arrange conferences with officials of other
13 states and of other units of government; carry forward the participation of this state
14 as a member of the Council of State Governments, both regionally and nationally,
15 and formulate proposals for cooperation between this state and other states. The
16 Legislative Research Commission shall function as Kentucky's commission on
17 interstate cooperation in carrying out the program of the Council of State
18 Governments as it relates to Kentucky.

19 (4) The Commission shall designate persons to represent Kentucky at the National
20 Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The Commission shall
21 report the findings and recommendations of the national conference to the General
22 Assembly. Any funds appropriated to the commissioners on uniform state laws
23 shall be paid out on vouchers approved by the director of the Commission.

24 (5) The Commission may establish such subcommittees and advisory citizens'
25 committees as may be convenient or desired for the proper and efficient
26 performance of its functions. Members of the General Assembly~~other than those~~
27 ~~who are members of the Commission designated to serve on subcommittees~~ shall

1 receive~~[the same]~~ travel allowances for attending meetings as set by the
2 Legislative Research Commission~~[and compensation for attending meetings as~~
3 ~~they do for attending meetings during a session of the General Assembly, except~~
4 ~~that each General Assembly member who is a chairman of a joint interim~~
5 ~~committee of the Legislative Research Commission shall be paid, in addition to~~
6 ~~such allowances and compensation, ten dollars (\$10) per day for each committee~~
7 ~~meeting that he chairs].~~

- 8 (6) The Commission shall report its findings, either with or without recommendations,
9 to the Governor of the Commonwealth, and to each member of the General
10 Assembly at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of each regular session of
11 the General Assembly.

12 ➔Section 8. This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.