

1 AN ACT relating to economic development.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 154.10-040 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) In the selection and appointment of the secretary, the board shall set the
5 qualifications for the position of the secretary, employ a national search firm and
6 conduct a nationwide search for candidates, and select from that list three (3)
7 candidates for secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development. The names of
8 the three (3) candidates shall be submitted to the Governor who shall choose one of
9 them as secretary, except that, if the Governor so chooses, he **or she** may reject the
10 first list of names and direct the board to submit a list of three (3) additional names,
11 from which he **or she** shall appoint the secretary. Once appointed, the secretary
12 shall serve at the pleasure of the board.
- 13 (2) The secretary shall be a person with significant experience and established
14 reputation as an economic development professional.