

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) One (1) Justice of the Supreme Court other than the Chief Justice, elected**
6 **by the members of that court;**

7 **(b) One (1) Judge of the Court of Appeals, elected by the members of that**
8 **court;**

9 **(c) Two (2) Circuit Judges, elected by the Circuit Judges Association of**
10 **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; and**

24 **(i)** The **chairs**~~[chairmen]~~ of the Judiciary Committees of the House of
25 Representatives and of the Senate, or the vice **chair**~~[chairman]~~ of **either**~~[any]~~
26 of these committees if the **chair**~~[chairman]~~ declines to serve, **who shall serve**
27 **as non-voting, ex-officio members.**

- 1 (2) The appointed members shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their
2 successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies in the office of appointed members
3 shall be filled by the original appointing authority.
- 4 (3) (a) The members of the council shall biennially elect a chair, vice-chair, and
5 secretary from among the voting membership of the council. The vice-chair
6 shall serve as chair in the absence of the chair; and
7 (b) The chair shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as chair or
8 vice-chair of the council. The vice-chair shall not serve more than two (2)
9 consecutive terms as chair or vice chair of the council
10 ~~Chief Justice of the~~
11 ~~Supreme Court shall be the chairman of the council, or if he is not a member~~
12 ~~or declines to serve as chairman, a member of the council shall be appointed~~
13 ~~by him to serve as chairman. The administrative director of the courts shall~~
~~serve as secretary].~~