

1 AN ACT relating to covered wooden bridge authorities.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 176.410 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Except as provided by KRS 176.400, at the request of citizens or organizations of a
5 county or multicounty region, the Heritage Division of the Kentucky Heritage
6 Council shall certify to the Governor the creation of a county or multicounty
7 covered wooden bridge authority for that county or multicounty region.

8 (2) (a) **Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection,** an authority shall consist of
9 members appointed as follows:

- 10 1. The Governor shall appoint one (1) member from each participating
11 county, unless the authority has only one (1) participating county, in
12 which case the Governor shall appoint three (3) members from the
13 participating county; and
14 2. The fiscal court of each participating county shall submit to the
15 Governor a list of three (3) candidates, and the Governor shall appoint
16 one (1) member from each list unless the authority has two (2) or fewer
17 participating counties, in which case the Governor shall appoint two (2)
18 members from each list.

19 **(b) Each covered wooden bridge authority shall have at least one (1) member**
20 **who is a land owner from a participating county whose property adjoins a**
21 **covered wooden bridge.**

22 ~~(c)(b)~~ The members of an authority shall hold office for terms of four (4) years
23 and until their successors are appointed and qualify except that the terms of
24 office of the members first appointed shall be staggered. An authority may
25 elect by majority voice officers deemed necessary by its members. A majority
26 of the members shall constitute a quorum. An authority shall meet at the call
27 of its chairman, but at least twice during each calendar year.

- 1 (3) An authority shall be dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of
2 all covered wooden bridges in the county or multicounty region for which it is
3 created.
- 4 (a) For covered wooden bridges not open to vehicular traffic, the duties and
5 functions of an authority shall be to:
- 6 1. Review, recommend, and administer projects and programs to insure the
7 proper preservation, restoration, and maintenance of covered wooden
8 bridges in the county or multicounty region for which it is created.
- 9 2. Advise, consult, and cooperate with state, local, and national officials
10 and agencies, and with the Heritage Division of the Kentucky Heritage
11 Council as provided by KRS 176.400 and 176.410, to accomplish the
12 purposes for which the authority is established.
- 13 (b) For covered wooden bridges open to vehicular traffic, the duties and functions
14 of an authority shall be to:
- 15 1. Make recommendations to the Transportation Cabinet and local officials
16 on the proper preservation, restoration, and maintenance of covered
17 wooden bridges in the county or multicounty region for which it is
18 created.
- 19 2. Advise, consult, and cooperate with state, local, and national officials
20 and agencies to accomplish the purposes for which the authority is
21 established.
- 22 (4) An authority may:
- 23 (a) Accept grants or other funds or property from any source, public or private;
24 (b) Enter into such contractual relationships as may be necessary;
25 (c) Acquire real property, by gift or devise or by purchase pursuant to the
26 provisions of KRS 45A.045, and hold the same in the name of the
27 Commonwealth for the use and benefit of the authority;

1 (d) Adopt rules and regulations necessary to the performance of its duties and
2 functions.

3 (5) Members of an authority may be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of
4 KRS Chapters 44 and 45 for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the
5 furtherance of the authority's activities.

6 (6) The receipt, control, and expenditure of funds shall be subject to the general
7 provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes governing financial administration of
8 state agencies.

9 (7) (a) For covered wooden bridges not open to vehicular traffic, each authority shall
10 develop a program for the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of those
11 covered wooden bridges in the county or multicounty region for which it was
12 established. It shall select the bridges to be preserved, restored, or maintained
13 within a biennium and shall prepare estimates of the cost of preservation,
14 restoration, or maintenance within that biennium.

15 (b) The program developed by an authority shall be submitted to the Heritage
16 Division of the Kentucky Heritage Council. Upon approval by the division,
17 the authority shall submit its program as its biennial budget request.

18 (c) When an appropriation is made to an authority to fund its program for the
19 preservation, restoration, and maintenance of covered wooden bridges, title to
20 all covered wooden bridges to be preserved, restored, or maintained under its
21 authority shall be transferred to the authority. Preservation, restoration, and
22 maintenance of covered wooden bridges shall comply with the program
23 approved by the Heritage Division of the Kentucky Heritage Council and shall
24 be administered by the authority. Each authority is authorized to enter into any
25 agreement or contract necessary to implement an approved and funded
26 program.

27 (8) For covered wooden bridges open to vehicular traffic, each authority shall develop a

- 1 biennial list of recommendations for the preservation, restoration, and maintenance
2 of those covered wooden bridges in the county or multicounty region for which it
3 was created. This list shall be submitted biennially to the Transportation Cabinet
4 and all fiscal courts within the authority's jurisdiction.
- 5 (9) There is established the covered wooden bridge authority for the counties of
6 Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, and Robertson as a pilot project.