

7.190 Kentucky-Ireland Trade Commission -- Membership -- Authority -- Report.

- (1) The Kentucky-Ireland Trade Commission of the General Assembly is hereby established. The purpose of the commission shall be to:
 - (a) Advance bilateral trade and investment between Kentucky and Ireland;
 - (b) Initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Kentucky and Ireland;
 - (c) Promote business and academic exchanges between Kentucky and Ireland;
 - (d) Encourage mutual economic development support between Kentucky and Ireland;
 - (e) Encourage mutual infrastructure investment in Kentucky and Ireland; and
 - (f) Address other issues as determined by the commission.
- (2) The commission shall be composed of eleven (11) members. The manner of appointment and terms of the members shall be as follows:
 - (a) Four (4) members shall be appointed by the Governor, to serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are appointed. Three (3) of these members shall include:
 1. One (1) member from a public postsecondary institution; and
 2. Two (2) members representing the Irish-American community or interests, who shall not be members of the same political party;
 - (b) The president of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce or his or her designee;
 - (c) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and one (1) member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate, who have knowledge of or current or past involvement in organizations that promote Irish affairs or who have interest in the well-being of trade relations between Kentucky and Ireland; and
 - (d) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, who have knowledge of or current or past involvement in organizations that promote Irish affairs or who have interest in the well-being of trade relations between Kentucky and Ireland.
- (3) The commission has authority to:
 - (a) Meet monthly upon agreement of the co-chairs;
 - (b) Seek comment, testimony, documents, records, or other information from various government agencies and organizations representing Irish affairs to identify policy issues of mutual interest to Kentucky and Ireland; and
 - (c) Provide research-driven policy proposals and actionable items when areas of development or improvement are identified.
- (4) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one (1) co-chair of the commission from among that chamber's members appointed to the commission.
- (5) Any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the commission shall be filled

within thirty (30) days, in the same manner as the original appointment, for the balance of the expired term.

- (6) A majority of the entire membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
- (7) All initial appointments to the commission shall be made no later than July 1, 2025. All initial legislative appointments shall remain until January 1, 2027. All subsequent appointments of legislative members shall be in January of each odd-numbered year.
- (8) Each nonlegislative member shall be entitled to compensation for his or her service in an amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each regularly scheduled meeting of the commission he or she attends, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses in connection with the performance of his or her duties.
- (9) The Legislative Research Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the employment of personnel necessary to carry out this section.
- (10) The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission within one (1) year of its organizational meeting, and by December 1 of each year thereafter regarding any potential legislative or administrative actions with respect to their findings.

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