

CHAPTER 45**(HB 284)**

AN ACT relating to eminent domain by boards of education.

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

Section 1. KRS 416.560 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, a department, instrumentality or agency of city, county, or urban-county government, other than a waterworks corporation the capital stock of which is wholly owned by a city of the first class, having a right of eminent domain under other statutes shall exercise such right only by requesting the governing body of the city, county, or urban-county to institute condemnation proceedings on its behalf. If the governing body of the city, county, or urban-county agrees, it shall institute such proceedings under KRS 416.570, and all costs involved in the condemnation shall be borne by the department, instrumentality, or agency requesting the condemnation.
- (2) If any department, instrumentality or agency of a city, county, or urban-county government, other than a waterworks corporation the capital stock of which is wholly owned by a city of the first class, operates in more than one (1) governmental unit, it shall request the governing body of the city, county, or urban-county government wherein the largest part of the individual tract of the property sought to be condemned lies, to institute condemnation proceedings on its behalf.
- (3) A department, instrumentality, or agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, other than the Transportation Cabinet *and local boards of education*, having a right of eminent domain under other statutes shall exercise such right only by requesting the Finance and Administration Cabinet to institute condemnation proceedings on its behalf. If the Finance and Administration Cabinet agrees, it shall institute such proceedings under KRS 416.570, and all costs involved in the condemnation shall be borne by the department, instrumentality, or agency requesting the condemnation.
- (4) Prior to the filing of the petition to condemn, the condemnor or its employees or agents shall have the right to enter upon any land or improvement which it has the power to condemn, in order to make studies, surveys, tests, sounding, and appraisals, provided that the owner of the land or the party in whose name the property is assessed has been notified ten (10) days prior to entry on the property. Any actual damages sustained by the owner of a property interest in the property entered upon by the condemnor shall be paid by the condemnor and shall be assessed by the court or the court may refer the matter to commissioners to ascertain and assess the damages sustained by the condemnee, which award shall be subject to appeal.

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