

CHAPTER 298

(HB 88)

AN ACT related to reorganization.

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

Section 1. KRS 439.320 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Governor shall appoint a Parole Board consisting of seven (7) **full-time** members **and two (2) part-time members, as described in subsection (7) of this section**, to be confirmed by the Senate in accordance with KRS 11.160. **Each of the two (2) part-time members shall be from a different political party. The Governor**~~[He]~~ shall make each appointment **for full-time and part-time members** from a list of three (3) names given to him by the Commission on Correction and Community Service. Each member appointed to the board shall have had at least five (5) years of actual experience in the field of penology, correction work, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, or a combination thereof, or have served at least five (5) years previously on the Parole Board. No more than **five (5)**~~four (4)~~ board members shall be of the same political party. The board shall be attached to the Justice Cabinet for administrative purposes only; the Department of Corrections shall provide any clerical, stenographic, administrative, and expert staff assistance the board deems necessary to carry out its duties.
- (2) The Governor shall name one (1) **full-time** member as chairman of the board. The chairman shall be the chief administrative officer of the board and shall be responsible for all administrative, organizational, and personnel matters of the board.
- (3) The **full-time** members of the board shall give full time to the duties of their office and shall receive necessary traveling expenses and a salary to be determined pursuant to KRS 64.640(2), except the chairman of the board shall receive additional compensation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for his services. Their terms of office shall be four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and have qualified. Their successors shall be appointed thereafter as provided in this section for terms of four (4) years, and a vacancy occurring before expiration of the term of office shall be similarly filled for the unexpired term. The chairman of the board shall serve as such until the expiration of his term at which time the Governor shall name his successor and designate the chairman of the board. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship of the board before the expiration of the term, the Governor may name a successor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (4) The organization of the board shall be determined by the chairman and a quorum of the board shall be as follows:
 - (a) For parole hearings at which the inmate appears before the board, three (3) members; and
 - (b) For all other business, four (4) members. A decision by any three (3) member panel in a parole hearing shall be final only if it is unanimous; otherwise the case must be reviewed and voted on by not less than four (4) members of the board. Parole decisions for inmates who do not appear before the board shall be reviewed and voted on by not less than four (4) members of the board.
- (5) The Governor may not remove any member of the board except for disability, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. Before removal, he shall give the member a

written copy of the charges against him and shall fix the time when he can be heard in his defense, which shall not be less than ten (10) days thereafter. Upon removal, the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against the member and the findings thereupon with a record of the proceedings.

- (6) Upon the expiration of the terms of office of the two (2) *full-time* board members whose terms expire May 23, 1994, the Governor shall appoint two (2) *full-time* members to serve terms which will expire June 30, 1995. Thereafter, appointments to these two (2) *full-time* terms shall be for four (4) years and shall be filled as provided for in subsection (3) of this section. The Governor may reappoint present members if they meet the qualifications set forth in subsection (1) of this section.
- (7) ~~{The Governor shall appoint up to two (2) part-time Parole Board members, to be confirmed by the Senate in accordance with KRS 11.160. The appointment process for these members shall be the same as set forth in subsection (1) of this section, and these members shall possess the same qualifications of a full-time Parole Board member with the additional requirement that they shall have previously served as a full-time Parole Board member. These }~~*The part-time* members may participate in considering the grant or revocation of parole at the request of the chairman. No more than one (1) part-time Parole Board member shall serve on any panel of the board as set forth in subsection (4) of this section. The parttime Parole Board member called upon to serve shall be paid at a per diem rate equal to the per diem rate for the salary of a newly appointed full-time member and shall receive necessary travel expenses. The part-time Parole Board member shall serve for a period of four (4) years from the date of appointment and may be reappointed.

Section 2. The General Assembly confirms Executive Order 98-1593, dated December 3, 1998, relating to the reorganization of the Parole Board to the extent it is not otherwise confirmed by this Act.

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