

**CHAPTER 125****(SB 139)**

AN ACT relating to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee.

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

Section 1. KRS 6.905 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) There is created a Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee which shall be a permanent standing committee of the General Assembly, consisting of eight (8) members of the Senate, six (6) of whom shall be appointed by the President and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and eight (8) members of the House of Representatives, six (6) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. At least one (1) appointee by each appointive authority shall be a member of the Senate or House Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. The appointments shall be made within seven (7) legislative days of the end of each regular session of the General Assembly ***held in even-numbered years***, and the members so appointed shall serve for a term of two (2) years coextensive with the biennium in which the appointment is made. Vacancies shall be filled within sixty (60) days of occurrence in the same manner as the original appointments, and for the balance of the term of the vacated member.
- (2) The committee shall select a chairman, cochairman, and other officers as it may deem necessary from among its membership. The chairman and cochairman shall be from different chambers of the General Assembly and shall serve a term of two (2) years; the chamber of origin for the chairman and cochairman shall alternate between the House of Representatives and the Senate. Officers shall be selected at the first meeting of the committee following the end of the regular session ***in even-numbered years***. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum and all actions authorizing a study, dropping a study, or adopting a final report on any subject under study shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the full committee membership. All other actions of the committee may be undertaken by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the committee.
- (3) When a study is instituted, the committee shall request that the Legislative Research Commission appoint the chairman and a ranking minority member, or their designees, of the committee of relevant jurisdiction to serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the committee in activities related to the relevant study. If the legislative committee that requested the study is a standing committee of one (1) of the houses of the General Assembly, the minority leader of that house shall appoint the ranking minority member. If the legislative committee that requested the study is an interim joint committee of the Legislative Research Commission, the ranking minority member shall be:
  - (a) A minority party member of the House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader, if the chairman of the interim joint committee is a member of the Senate; or
  - (b) A minority party member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, if the chairman of the interim joint committee is a member of the House of Representatives.
- (4) Each regular and nonvoting ex officio member of the committee shall receive the same travel allowances and compensation for attending interim meetings of the committee as are

received by members of subcommittees of the Legislative Research Commission under KRS 7.090(2).

**Approved March 20, 2001**