

**CHAPTER 64****(SB 18)**

AN ACT relating to naming state roads.

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

Section 1. KRS 177.010 is amended to read as follows:

As used in KRS 177.010 to 177.890, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Department" means Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;
- (2) "Construct" includes reconstruct and improve;
- (3) "Roads" includes rural roads; highways; bridges and bridge approaches; city streets, viaducts, and bridges;
- (4) "Rural and secondary roads" includes:
  - (a) A county road as defined in KRS 178.010(1)(b);
  - (b) A publicly-owned road other than a state or federal highway, that is outside a city, town, or urban area having a population of twenty-five hundred (2,500) or more;
  - (c) A road that is classified as part of the rural secondary road system by the Department of Highways;~~and~~
- (5) "Public grade crossing" means the at-grade intersection of a railroad track or tracks and a road or highway that has been dedicated to public use and incorporated into either the state primary road system or the highway or road system of a county or municipality;
- (6) ***"Cabinet" means the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; and***
- (7) ***"Secretary" means the secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.***

Section 2. KRS 177.074 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Every road which is part of the state primary system shall be identified by a specific route number or name which shall be designated on the official state road map. In addition to a route number, the secretary:~~of transportation~~
  - (a) ***Shall name a road or road segment to comply with the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of this section; and***
  - (b) ***May, at the secretary's discretion, or subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, name a road or bridge on the state highway system after an individual, historic event, or any other name which may be of significance to the history of this Commonwealth or any of its counties or communities.***
- (2) ***The secretary shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request by the commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, name a state road or segment of a state road, in memory and honor of one (1) or more Kentucky state troopers killed in the line of duty. The written request shall comply with the provisions of subsection (4) of this section and shall include:***
  - (a) ***The trooper's name;***
  - (b) ***The name and address of any living relatives of the trooper, if known;***

- (c) *Date and circumstances of the trooper's death; and*
  - (d) *The route number and current name of the state road where the trooper was killed if applicable, or the route number and current name of the state road closest to the deceased trooper's home.*
- (3) *The written request required under subsection (2) of this section shall identify the route number, current name of the state road, or milepoints of the specific segment of state road the State Police are requesting be named in honor and memory of a state trooper killed in the line of duty. The road or road segment identified in the request shall be either the state road where the trooper was killed, or the state road closest to the deceased trooper's home. The cabinet shall consult with the commissioner of the Kentucky State Police on the design of the road signs naming the state road or road segment in honor and memory of each trooper, and the cabinet shall erect the appropriate highway signs within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request required under subsection (2) of this section.*
- (4) *If the road segment identified in the request under subsection (2) of this section has already been named for another individual or organization, either by action of the General Assembly or by order of the secretary, the State Police and the cabinet shall consult on and determine an alternate location that is acceptable to both agencies.*
- (5) The secretary shall be petitioned by a unit of local government, civic organization, or other interested party before naming a road or bridge on the state primary road system. In addition, the secretary shall be convinced by the petitioner that the person or event that the road or bridge is being named for is of civic or historical significance.
- (6){(3)} Except as provided in subsections (9) *and* (10){(6) ~~and~~ (7)} of this section, the secretary shall name a road or bridge upon direction by joint resolution of the General Assembly. Upon introduction of a resolution, the secretary shall inform the chairman of the committee to which the resolution is assigned as to whether he has been petitioned to name a road or bridge presented in the resolution and if so petitioned, his reasons for not taking action on the request.
- (7){(4)} If the secretary grants the request to name a road or bridge through petition, the signs to be placed on the roads shall become the responsibility of the petitioner with the design and placement of the signs approved by the department. If the signs are to be placed as a result of a resolution passed by the General Assembly, the responsibility for placement of the signs shall be upon the Department of Highways.
- (8){(5)} The Transportation Cabinet may adopt administrative regulations to implement the road and bridge naming program. The administrative regulations shall at a minimum establish basic standards for design and placement of signs or allow the local entity to reimburse the Transportation Cabinet for the cost of manufacturing and installing the signs for which a petition has been granted.
- (9){(6)} The new proposed truck bypass around Mayfield, Kentucky, shall be named the "Dick Castleman Bypass", after former State Representative Dick Castleman.
- (10){(7)} The bridge on United States Highway 27 over the Kentucky River near Camp Nelson, between Jessamine and Garrard Counties, shall be named the "Lloyd Murphy Memorial Bridge".

Section 3. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Act, the commissioner of the Kentucky State Police shall submit a written request under the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of Section 2 of this Act, for the twenty-three (23) state troopers that have been killed in the line of duty since 1948. The Transportation Cabinet shall erect the appropriate highway signs honoring the twenty-three slain troopers within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request directed under this section.

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