

CHAPTER 229**(HB 381)**

AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

PART I**OPERATING BUDGET**

Funds Appropriations: Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of Government out of the General Fund and Restricted Funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, in the following discrete sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is made by the source of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of the Legislative Branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

	2006-07	2007-08
1. General Assembly		
General Fund	15,033,200	16,986,000
Restricted Funds	69,600	191,000
Total	15,102,800	17,177,000

Legislators Retirement and Compensation: The above General Fund appropriation to the General Assembly includes funds for the Legislators Retirement Plan in each fiscal year and provides for the continuation of the annual cost-of-living adjustment authorized for the 2004-2006 biennium. Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and the interim expense allowance provided by KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall be as authorized for the 2004-2006 biennium and shall continue as adjusted on January 1, 2007, and January 1, 2008, by the all urban consumer price index (CPI-U) not to exceed the cost-of-living adjustment provided state employees in the state/executive branch budget but not less than zero percent per annum.

	2006-07	2007-08
2. Legislative Research Commission		
General Fund	31,755,600	33,196,200
Restricted Funds	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	31,755,600	33,196,200

Permanent Full-time Employees: The total number of permanent full-time employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation, and not assigned specifically to the House and Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission, shall not exceed 232 in fiscal year 2006-2007 and 232 in fiscal year 2007-2008. In addition to this number, the total number of permanent full-time employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not exceed 10.

TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET

	2006-07	2007-08
General Fund	46,788,800	50,182,200
Restricted Funds	69,600	191,000
TOTAL	46,858,400	50,373,200

Unexpended Balance: Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance remaining at the close of fiscal year 2005-2006 shall not lapse but shall continue into fiscal year 2006-2007, and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall not lapse but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

TOTAL - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET

	2006-07	2007-08
General Fund	46,788,800	50,182,200
Restricted Funds	69,600	191,000
TOTAL	46,858,400	50,373,200

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Expenditure Authority: The Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, may expend any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful manner and for any legal purpose consistent with the policies and practices of the Commission. No executive agency or statute governing the executive agencies of state government shall have the power to restrict or limit the actions of, or the expenditure of funds appropriated to, the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of government.

2. Capitol Annex Capital Construction Expenditures: Any expenditure authorized by the Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, relating to implementation of KRS 56.463(4)(b) and funded by previous or current appropriations to the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of government shall not be governed by KRS 7A.010, 7A.120, 45.750 to 45.810, 48.010(14), and 48.020.

3. Severability of Budget Provisions: Appropriation items and sums in this Act conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

4. Duplicate Appropriation: Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

5. Priority of Individual Appropriations: KRS 48.313 shall control when a total, subtotal, or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it consists.

6. Appropriations Revisions: Proposed revisions to Restricted Funds appropriations in this Act shall be made and reported pursuant to KRS 48.630(10). The Director of the Legislative Research Commission may transfer any available funds between the General Assembly and Legislative Research Commission as needed to meet the constitutional requirements of the Legislative Branch for fiscal years 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008.

7. Allowance in Lieu of Stationery: Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the sum of \$250 and to each member of the Senate the sum of \$500. This allowance shall be paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of each legislative session.

PART III

BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN

The Legislative Branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus Expenditure Plan in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 48.

Approved April 22, 2006.