

CHAPTER 13**(HB 238)**

AN ACT relating to the deputy and state veterinarian and declaring an emergency.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 257.210 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall appoint the state veterinarian.
- (2) The state veterinarian shall be a ~~resident of this state and a~~ licensed ~~graduate~~ veterinarian who has practiced veterinary medicine ~~continuously in this state~~ for *at least* five (5) years prior to his *or her* appointment.
- (3) The state veterinarian shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until ~~a~~~~his~~ successor has been appointed ~~and has qualified~~.
- (4) He *or she* shall be subject to removal from office by the board at any time for cause.
- (5) The office of the state veterinarian shall be in the Department of Agriculture ~~at the state capital~~.

➔Section 2. KRS 257.240 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon the recommendation of the state veterinarian, the board may within its discretion appoint a deputy state veterinarian.
- (2) *The deputy state veterinarian*~~He~~ shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and until ~~a~~~~his~~ successor has been elected and qualified. He *or she* shall be subject to removal from office by the board at any time for cause.
- (3) *The deputy state veterinarian*~~He~~ shall be a ~~resident of this state, and a~~ licensed ~~graduate~~ veterinarian who has practiced veterinary medicine ~~continuously within this state~~ for *at least*~~a period of~~ three (3) years prior to his *or her* appointment.

➔Section 3. Whereas the board faces time-sensitive personnel issues relating to the deputy state veterinarian position, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon it otherwise becoming law.

Signed by Governor March 16, 2020.