

CHAPTER 31
(SB 160)

AN ACT relating to the Department of Law.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 15.010 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Attorney General is the head of the Department of Law.
- (2) The Department of Law shall include the following major organizational units:
 - (a) *Criminal Division;*
 1. *Department of Criminal Investigations;*
 2. *Office of Special Prosecutions;*
 3. *Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control;*
 4. *Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution;*
 5. *Office of Prosecutors Advisory Council; and*
 6. *Office of Victims Advocacy;*
 - (b) *Civil Division;*
 1. *Office of Consumer Protection;*
 2. *Office of Civil and Environmental Law;*
 - a. *Open Records and Meetings Division; and*
 - b. *Administrative Hearings Division;*
 3. *Office of Rate Intervention; and*
 4. *Office of Senior Protection;*
 - (c) *Office of the Solicitor General;*
 1. *Criminal Appeals Division; and*
 2. *Civil Appeals Division;*
 - (d) *Office of Communications; and*
 - (e) *Office of Administrative Services*
~~{Criminal Appellate Division;~~
 - ~~(b) — Consumer Protection Division;~~
 - ~~(c) — Special Investigations Division;~~
 - ~~(d) — Special Prosecutions Division;~~
 - ~~(e) — Prosecutors Advisory Council Services Division;~~
 - ~~(f) — Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Division;~~
 - ~~(g) — Civil and Environmental Law Division;~~
 - ~~(h) — Victims Advocacy Division;~~
 - ~~(i) — Administrative Hearings Division;~~
 - ~~(j) — Office of Rate Intervention;~~
 - ~~(k) — Administrative Services Division; and~~

~~(4) — Financial Integrity Enforcement Division].~~

➔ Section 2. KRS 15.100 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Attorney General shall appoint a deputy attorney general, who shall have the same qualifications required of a Circuit Judge except for residence in a district and who shall receive the same salary as a Circuit Judge, to serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General and to perform the duties he may designate. The Attorney General may appoint two (2) assistant deputy attorneys general, who shall have the same qualifications required of a District Judge except for residence in a district and who shall receive the same salary as a District Judge, to serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General and to perform the duties he may designate. In addition thereto, he ~~shall~~ *may* appoint *a solicitor* ~~[another assistant deputy attorney]~~ general to *serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General and to perform the duties he may designate* ~~[function as administrator]~~ and shall set his salary.
- (2) In addition to the deputy attorney general, the Attorney General shall appoint such assistants and special attorneys as he deems necessary to transact the business of the Department of Law, and to perform the duties he may designate. The deputy attorney general, assistant deputy attorneys general, assistants, and special attorneys shall have full power, as authorized and under the direction of the Attorney General, to perform such duties as may be performed by the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall be responsible for the official acts of his deputy, assistant deputy attorneys general, assistants, and special attorneys.
- (3) In addition to the appointment and designation of a deputy, assistant deputy attorneys general, assistants, and special attorneys pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the Attorney General may enter into such contracts for legal services as he deems necessary and advisable. Such contracts shall be subject to the relevant provisions of the Kentucky Model Procurement Code in KRS Chapter 45A.
- (4) Each assistant or special attorney so appointed or designated shall be a person admitted to the practice of law by the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth and shall qualify by taking the oath of office.

Signed by Governor March 24, 2020.