

**247.090 State Fair Board -- Membership -- Vacancies -- State Fair Board not subject to reorganization under KRS Chapter 12.**

- (1) The State Fair Board shall be composed of sixteen (16) voting members and five (5) ex officio, nonvoting members, as follows:
  - (a) The Governor or his or her designee;
  - (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee;
  - (c) The President of the Senate or his or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her service as President of the Senate;
  - (d) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or his or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her service as Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (e) The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or his or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her service as secretary of the cabinet. The secretary shall provide additional financial expertise to the Kentucky State Fair Board, with no resulting personnel impact, fiscal impact, nor expense to Kentucky state government;
  - (f) The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment or his or her designee;
  - (g) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor from the state at large with due consideration to geographical distribution throughout the state;
  - (h) Three (3) members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture from the state at large who are involved with, or experienced in, agriculture or agriculture-related businesses;
  - (i) One (1) member appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture from a list of six (6) nominees that are representative of all segments of animal agriculture provided by trade organizations and commodity groups that may include but not be limited to the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Kentucky Livestock Improvement Association, Kentucky Pork Producers Association, Kentucky Poultry Federation, and Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office;
  - (j) One (1) member appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture from a list of six (6) nominees that are representative of all segments of crop or plant production provided by trade organizations or commodity groups that may include but not be limited to Kentucky Corn Growers Association, Kentucky Grape and Wine Council, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association, and Kentucky Soybean Association;
  - (k) One (1) member appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture from a list of six (6) nominees submitted by the governing body of the American Saddlebred Horse Association;
  - (l) One (1) member appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture from a list of six (6) nominees provided by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation;
  - (m) One (1) member appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture from a list

of six (6) nominees provided by the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows;

- (n) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees provided by the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau representing the hospitality and tourism industry;
  - (o) The state president of the Kentucky FFA Association, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term as student leader of the association; and
  - (p) The state president of the Kentucky 4-H Organization, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term as student leader of the organization.
- (2) The terms of the members of the board appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Governor, respectively, shall be staggered terms and shall be subject to confirmation as provided in KRS 11.160(2). Members of the board shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years and shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Members of the board shall be appointed to no more than three (3) terms that began on or after March 29, 2021. Terms that began prior to March 29, 2021, shall not count toward the term limits established by this subsection. As the terms of each group of members expire, the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Governor, as the case may be, shall appoint successors for terms of four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The initial appointments of the members designated in subsection (1)(g) and (h) of this section shall be for staggered terms, as follows:
- (a) Pursuant to subsection (1)(g) of this section, the Governor shall appoint one (1) at-large member in 2022, one (1) at-large member in 2023, and two (2) at-large members in 2024 to replace or reappoint current members whose terms expire in each of these years;
  - (b) Pursuant to subsection 1(h) of this section, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint one (1) at-large member in 2021, one (1) at-large member in 2022, and one (1) at-large member in 2023 to replace or reappoint current members whose terms expire in each of these years;
  - (c) On March 29, 2021, and pursuant to subsection (1)(h) of this section, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint one (1) at-large member to serve a one (1) year term in order to establish the number of voting members as required by this section; and
  - (d) Those members whose terms expire in 2021 shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture.
- It is the intention of the General Assembly that the political affiliation of the appointed members shall be as evenly divided as possible between the two (2) political parties polling the largest number of votes in the state at general elections.
- (3) In case of a vacancy among the appointed members of the board, the unexpired term shall be filled pursuant to the requirements and procedures for original appointments.
  - (4) The State Fair Board shall not be subject to reorganization under KRS Chapter

12.

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