

AN ACT relating to independent district boards of health.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 212.786 (Effective January 1, 2015) is amended to read as follows:

(1) The independent district board of health shall be composed~~[comprised]~~ of the following members:

***(a)*** The judge/executive or his designee as an ex officio member from each participating county;~~[,]~~

***(b)*** The chairman from each participating local board of health as an ex officio member; and~~[,]~~

***(c)*** Additional members appointed by the judge/executive with the approval of the fiscal court~~[local board of health]~~ including, at least to the extent practicable, from the following professions:

***1. Registered nurses;***

***2. Licensed veterinarians;***

***3. Licensed dentists;***

***4. Licensed physicians;***

***5. Licensed podiatrists;***

***6. Licensed optometrists;***

***7. Mental health professionals;***

***8. Public health professionals;***

***9. Consumers; and***

***10. Licensed pharmacists***~~[ twenty five percent (25%) who shall be licensed physicians, ten percent (10%) who shall be licensed dentists, twenty five percent (25%) who shall be licensed registered nurses, ten percent (10%) who shall be licensed veterinarians, ten percent (10%) who shall be pharmacists, and twenty percent (20%) who shall be consumer~~

members].

**The appointments under paragraph (c) of this subsection shall be made taking into consideration the need for a balanced representation on the board of the professions listed under paragraph (c).** Each member shall serve a term of two (2) years with a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms, except ex officio members who shall continue to serve.

- (2) The judge/executive, or his designee and the chairman of the local board of health shall serve as ex officio members of the district board of health. Additional appointments shall be based on population. Each county shall have an appointment of one (1) member for **thirty thousand (30,000)**~~[fifteen thousand (15,000)]~~ population or portion thereof. Additional members shall be at a rate of one (1) member per whole increment of **thirty thousand (30,000)**~~[fifteen thousand (15,000)]~~ population. The mayor of each city containing a population equal to or greater than fifteen thousand (15,000) based upon the most recent federal decennial census, or his or her designee, shall serve as an ex officio member of the district board of health and shall count against the population-based appointees.
- (3) **All appointments made prior to the effective date of this Act shall remain unaffected, and the appointed members shall serve the remainder of their terms. The most recent estimates published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census shall be used for appointments based on population made after the effective date of this Act.**~~[The original appointments by the judge/executive to the board shall be made within thirty (30) days of July 13, 1990. One half (1/2), or the nearest portion thereof, shall be appointed for a term to expire June 30, 1991 and one half (1/2), or the nearest portion thereof, shall be appointed for a term to expire June 30, 1992. All subsequent appointments and successors shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of this section].~~
- (4) The judge/executive shall fill all vacancies occurring by reason of death,

resignation, or disqualification and do so for the unexpired term.