

AN ACT relating to jailers and declaring an emergency.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 441.245 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The jailer who operates a full-service jail shall receive a monthly salary pursuant to any salary schedule in KRS Chapter 64 applicable to jailers operating a full service jail from the county jail operating budget.
- (2) No jailer holding office in the Commonwealth on or after January 6, 1999, shall receive an annual salary of less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).
- (3) **(a)** The salaries of jailers who are not subject to any salary schedule in KRS Chapter 64 may be set at a higher level if the salary does not exceed the constitutional salary limit applicable to jailers.

**(b)** These jailers' salaries shall ***be subject to the following provisions:***

- 1. In years in which a jailer is elected, the fiscal court may establish two (2) rates of compensation for jailers: one (1) rate for an incumbent jailer; and one (1) rate for a newly elected jailer. Proposed salaries shall be based on longevity in office, job performance, and cost-of-living adjustments**~~[ at least equal the prior year's level and may be adjusted by the fiscal court for the change in the prior year's consumer price index]~~ according to the provisions of KRS 64.527;
- 2. Jailers operating under the provisions of this subsection are subject to the following provisions. By May 1 of each year, the fiscal court shall pass an ordinance detailing:**
  - a. The duties to be performed by the jailer in the upcoming fiscal year;**
  - b. The compensation of the jailer for the upcoming fiscal year including any cost-of-living adjustments according to the provisions of KRS 64.527; and**

3. On a quarterly basis, jailers shall submit to the fiscal court a summary of all official duties performed by the jailer and the jailer's deputies, to include information related to prisoner transport, including but not limited to the prisoner's name, the location and time where the prisoner was placed in the custody of the jailer for transport, the location and time where the jailer relinquished custody of the prisoner after transport, and the mileage driven.

→Section 2. Whereas it is vital that the financial administration of counties be as transparent as possible, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.