

1 AN ACT relating to district health departments.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 212.840 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The cabinet shall delineate and define geographical boundaries within which district
5 health departments may be established. The fiscal courts of all counties within the
6 boundaries delineated by the cabinet may, by resolution of each respective court,
7 duly passed by a majority vote of the members present, unite all the counties into a
8 district for the purpose of creating, establishing, maintaining, and operating a
9 district health department. The resolution of each court shall be in effect for two (2)
10 years awaiting the action of other fiscal courts to unite in the formation of a district
11 health department. Each court, at the time of passing the resolution, shall provide
12 for its proportion of the cost of the creation, establishment, maintenance and
13 operation of the department, to be paid for by the county.
- 14 (2) The cost of creating and establishing the district health department shall be paid by
15 the counties comprising the district in proportion to the taxable property of each
16 county as shown by their respective county assessments. The annual expense of
17 maintaining and operating the district health department shall be borne by each
18 county reasonably and equitably *through dollars contributed to the district's*
19 *operation in amounts determined by the district health department board and*
20 *approved by the cabinet, or* in proportion to the amount of the taxable property in
21 each county, in amounts determined by the standards of the cabinet.