

1 AN ACT relating to fish and wildlife.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 150.022 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission shall consist of nine  
5 (9) members, one (1) from each wildlife district, as set out by the commissioner  
6 with the approval of the commission, and not more than five (5) of the same  
7 political party.
- 8 (2) The Governor shall appoint the members of the commission subject to confirmation  
9 by the Senate. Each of the members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years  
10 and may be reappointed only once. No person who has been convicted of any~~[a]~~  
11 felony offense or misdemeanor violation of game and fish laws, in Kentucky or  
12 under the law of any other state, or any other law of the United States shall be  
13 eligible to serve on the commission.
- 14 (3) Vacancies through the expiration of terms of the members of the commission shall  
15 be filled by appointment by the Governor from a list of three (3)~~[five (5)]~~ names  
16 from each wildlife district, recommended and submitted by the sportsmen of each  
17 respective district. When the term of a member expires, the commissioner shall call  
18 a meeting of the sportsmen in that district not later than thirty (30) days prior to the  
19 expiration of the member's term. Notice of the meeting shall be given by publication  
20 pursuant to KRS Chapter 424. At the meeting, the sportsmen in attendance shall  
21 select and submit to the Governor a list of three (3)~~[five (5)]~~ residents and citizens  
22 of the district who are well informed on the subject of wildlife conservation and  
23 restoration. Each sportsman may vote for one (1) candidate only, and the list  
24 submitted to the Governor shall be made up of the names of the three (3)~~[five (5)]~~  
25 candidates receiving the three (3)~~[five (5)]~~ highest vote totals in rank order,  
26 highest to lowest. The Governor shall appoint the candidate who received the most  
27 votes from the sportsmen in their district as a successor to the member whose term

1 is about to expire within sixty (60) days following the submission to him of the list  
2 referred to in this subsection, and in no event later than August 13.

3 (4) Upon appointment to the commission of the Department of Fish and Wildlife  
4 Resources, each commissioner shall execute a bond of one thousand dollars  
5 (\$1,000) in favor of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the premium  
6 on this bond to be paid out of department funds.

7 (5) In the event of vacancies other than by expiration, the Governor shall fill the  
8 vacancy for the unexpired part of the term from the names remaining on the list  
9 previously submitted for the district from which the vacancy arose.

10 (6) Each member of the commission shall take the constitutional oath of office.

11 (7) The Governor shall remove any member of the commission for cause under  
12 subsection (2) of this section and may remove any member of the commission for  
13 inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office; but shall first deliver to the  
14 member a copy of all charges in writing and afford to him an opportunity of being  
15 publicly heard in person or by counsel in defense of the charges, upon not less than  
16 ten (10) days' notice. If a member shall be removed, the Governor shall file in the  
17 office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against the  
18 member and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the  
19 proceedings.

20 (8) Each member of the commission shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and  
21 necessary traveling and other expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his  
22 official duties and to be paid from the game and fish fund.

23 (9) A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any  
24 business, for the performance of any duty or for the exercise of any power vested in  
25 the commission.

26 (10) The department shall have its principal office in Franklin County, and is authorized  
27 to purchase all supplies, equipment, and printed forms and to issue any notices and

1           publications as the commissioner may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of  
2           this chapter.

3   (11) The word "sportsman" as used in this section shall mean a resident hunter or  
4           fisherman who has been licensed in Kentucky for each of the past two (2)  
5           consecutive years.