

1 AN ACT relating to legislative committees.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 6.072 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Witnesses ***testifying before***~~[attending]~~ the General Assembly,~~[either house]~~ or a~~[~~  
5 legislative~~]~~ committee, ***subcommittee, or task force,*** are entitled to the same  
6 privileges and immunities, and the same compensation, as witnesses in other ***civil***  
7 ***and criminal proceedings***~~[cases]~~. When summoned by the Commonwealth, they  
8 shall be paid out of the State Treasury.

9 (2) ***Any member acting as chair***~~[Chairmen]~~ of ***a***~~[the]~~ ***committee, subcommittee or***  
10 ***task force***~~[committees]~~ of the ***General Assembly***~~[Senate and House of~~  
11 ~~Representatives]~~ may administer ***an oath***~~[all necessary oaths]~~ to any person who  
12 appears or is called to testify before ***that***~~[a]~~ committee, ***subcommittee, or task***  
13 ***force***~~[of either house]~~.

14 ***(3) Any member acting as chair of a committee, subcommittee, or task force of the***  
15 ***General Assembly may also:***

16 ***(a) Issue subpoenas;***

17 ***(b) Interview persons;***

18 ***(c) Receive evidence; or***

19 ***(d) Require production of books, papers, documents, or other evidence.***

20 ***(4) Any action taken pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall pertain to a***  
21 ***legislative function or purpose, the committee's, subcommittee's or task force's***  
22 ***jurisdiction, and shall require approval from a majority of the entire membership***  
23 ***of the committee, subcommittee, or task force.***

24 ***(5) If any person fails to testify or comply with any of the requests issued pursuant to***  
25 ***subsection (3) of this section, the chair, with the approval of a majority of the***  
26 ***entire membership of the committee, subcommittee, or task force, may petition to***  
27 ***the Franklin Circuit Court for enforcement or other appropriate relief or***

1 sanctions.