

1 AN ACT relating to sessions of the General Assembly.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 6 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 *(1) Regular sessions of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years shall consist of*  
6 *thirty (30) legislative days, and the use of these thirty (30) days shall not extend*  
7 *beyond March 31.*
- 8 *(2) Regular sessions of the General Assembly in even-numbered years shall consist*  
9 *of sixty (60) legislative days, during which time the General Assembly shall act on*  
10 *appropriations legislation and resolutions, and the use of these sixty (60) days*  
11 *shall not extend beyond April 15.*
- 12 *(3) Should the General Assembly reconvene upon Joint Proclamation of the*  
13 *President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the*  
14 *General Assembly shall meet for no more than twelve (12) legislative days, during*  
15 *which time no less than four (4) legislative days shall be used in any calendar*  
16 *week. This subsection shall not apply during any unpaid veto recess period which*  
17 *shall be for no more than twelve (12) calendar days, followed by a single*  
18 *legislative day. As used in this subsection, "calendar week" shall begin on*  
19 *Monday and end on Saturday.*
- 20 *(4) All periods of time when the General Assembly is not in session after March 31 in*  
21 *odd-numbered years, April 15 in even-numbered years, or upon Joint*  
22 *Proclamation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of*  
23 *Representatives shall be interim periods for purposes of compensation,*  
24 *authorized expenses, legislative ethics, campaign finance, and actions relating to*  
25 *regulations, contracts, or other legislative duties related to the executive branch.*
- 26 *(5) Any bill filed prior to March 31 in an odd-numbered year, or April 15 in an even-*  
27 *numbered year, shall hold over for purposes of legislative action until December*

1       31 of the year in which it was filed, or until all available legislative days have  
 2       been expended, whichever occurs first.

3       (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any extraordinary session of  
 4       the General Assembly convened under Section 80 of the Constitution of  
 5       Kentucky.

6       ➔Section 2. KRS 6.190 is amended to read as follows:

7       (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, beginning as of January 1,  
 8       1984, during any regular session of the General Assembly held between the first  
 9       Tuesday following the first Monday in January and March 31 in odd-numbered  
 10       years, and April 15 in even-numbered years:

11       (a) The members of the General Assembly, other than the Speaker of the House  
 12       of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore of  
 13       the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the  
 14       majority and minority leadership of each house of the General Assembly, shall  
 15       each receive as compensation one hundred dollars (\$100) per day;~~;~~

16       (b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
 17       shall each receive as compensation one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per  
 18       day;~~;~~

19       (c) The majority and minority floor leaders of each house of the General  
 20       Assembly shall each receive as compensation one hundred twenty dollars  
 21       (\$120) per day;~~;~~ and

22       (d) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker Pro Tempore, and the  
 23       majority and minority caucus chairs~~chairmen~~ and whips of each house of  
 24       the General Assembly shall each receive as compensation one hundred fifteen  
 25       dollars (\$115) per day~~, during the session of the General Assembly~~.

26       (2) During any session of the General Assembly convened upon Joint Proclamation  
 27       of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

1 and except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the members of the  
2 General Assembly shall receive as compensation the amounts specified under  
3 subsection (1) of this section for each calendar day on which the General  
4 Assembly meets.

5 (3) In addition to his or her compensation as a member of the General Assembly, each  
6 chair~~chairman~~ of a standing committee of the House of Representatives or the  
7 Senate shall receive compensation of ten dollars (\$10) for each regularly scheduled  
8 meeting of the standing committee which the member~~he~~ chairs during sessions of  
9 the General Assembly.

10 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, beginning as of July 1, 1980,  
11 each member of the General Assembly shall receive mileage and reimbursement of  
12 road tolls for one (1) round trip for each week of the session actually traveled  
13 between the member's~~his~~ home and the State Capitol during regular sessions, for  
14 any session convened upon Joint Proclamation of the President of the Senate and  
15 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and extraordinary sessions of the  
16 General Assembly and the necessary travel in going to and returning from the  
17 sessions of their respective houses. The mileage allowance under this section shall  
18 be equal to the maximum mileage allowance permitted by the federal government,  
19 to be increased as federal mileage allowance is increased.

20 (5) In the event of an extraordinary session called under Section 80 of the  
21 Constitution of Kentucky, or any session convened upon Joint Proclamation of  
22 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, no  
23 compensation or expense reimbursement authorized under this section shall be  
24 paid to any member during those days declared as veto days by the General  
25 Assembly. This provision shall not prohibit the payment of the expense allowance  
26 provided under KRS 6.213.

27 (6) As used in this section, "veto day" means any day in which neither chamber

1 meets while awaiting gubernatorial action on legislation enacted during that  
2 session.

3 ➔Section 3. KRS 6.211 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, effective January 1, 1994, in  
5 addition to any and all sums, compensation, or expenses now paid the members of  
6 the General Assembly, each shall receive an expense allowance of one hundred ten  
7 percent (110%) of the expense allowance paid federal employees traveling in the  
8 Frankfort, Kentucky area for each calendar day. This sum shall be paid whether the  
9 General Assembly is in regular or extraordinary session and shall be in full  
10 recompense of any additional expenses incurred in excess of that now received by  
11 them.

12 (2) For any extraordinary session called under Section 80 of the Constitution of  
13 Kentucky, or any session convened upon Joint Proclamation of the President of  
14 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, no additional  
15 expense allowance authorized under this section shall be paid to any member  
16 during those days declared as veto days by the General Assembly. This provision  
17 shall not prohibit the payment of the expense allowance under KRS 6.213.

18 (3) As used in this section, "veto day" means any day in which neither chamber  
19 meets while awaiting gubernatorial action on legislation enacted during that  
20 session.

21 ➔Section 4. This Act shall take effect only upon the ratification, in the regular  
22 election of November 8, 2022, of a constitutional amendment relating to sessions of the  
23 General Assembly, including sessions convened upon Joint Proclamation of the President  
24 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. If such an amendment is  
25 not ratified, this Act shall be void.