

1 AN ACT relating to natural resources.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 146.090 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet, with the approval of the Soil
5 and Water Conservation Commission shall divide the state into nine (9) soil and
6 water conservation areas which shall contain as nearly as practicable, an equal
7 number of soil and water conservation districts;
- 8 (2) The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall consist of nine (9) members,
9 not more than five (5) of whom shall be of the same political party, to be appointed
10 by the secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet with the approval of the
11 Governor;
- 12 (3) One (1) member shall be appointed from each of the areas from a list of two (2)
13 names submitted from each area by the supervisors of the soil and water
14 conservation districts that have their principal offices therein. All members shall be
15 supervisors of soil and water conservation districts;
- 16 (4) The term of office of each member shall be four (4) years; provided that, whenever
17 a member of the commission ceases to hold the office of district supervisor by
18 virtue of which he or she is serving on the commission, his or her term of office as
19 a member of the commission shall be terminated. In the case of any vacancy other
20 than the one (1) caused by the expiration of a term, the secretary of the Energy and
21 Environment Cabinet, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint the
22 successor from a list of two (2) names submitted by the supervisors of the soil and
23 water conservation area which was represented by the former member. The
24 successor shall also be a supervisor of a soil and water conservation district;
- 25 (5) The members of the commission shall designate a chairman from among their
26 members and may from time to time change such designation. The commission
27 shall keep a record of its official actions. A majority of the commission shall

1 constitute a quorum. The commission may call upon the Attorney General for legal
2 services as it may require. It may delegate to its chairman, any of its members, the
3 director of the division, or any officer, employee, or agent, powers and duties as it
4 deems proper. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their
5 services, but shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily
6 incurred in discharging their duties;

7 (6) The following persons are advisory members of the commission by virtue of their
8 offices: the secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet, the Commissioner of
9 Agriculture, the director of the agricultural experiment station, the director of
10 vocational education, and the state conservationist of the United States Department
11 of Agriculture.