

1 AN ACT relating to consolidated local governments.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 67C.103 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The legislative authority of a consolidated local government, except as otherwise
5 specified in KRS 67C.101 to 67C.137, shall be vested in a consolidated local
6 government council. The members of the council shall be nominated and elected by
7 district. There shall be only one (1) council member elected from each council
8 district.
- 9 (2) There shall be twenty-six (26) council districts. The initial boundaries, population,
10 and numerical designation of the council districts shall be as specified by KRS
11 67C.135. The population of the council districts shall be as nearly equal as is
12 reasonably possible. ~~For any newly consolidated local governments whose officials~~
13 ~~take office in 2003, upon taking office, the legislative council may take action to~~
14 ~~adjust the boundaries and population of the districts in order to equalize the~~
15 ~~population of the districts which may have changed as a result of recent census~~
16 ~~information.~~ Any changes made to alter the boundaries of council districts shall be
17 based on the population of the county as determined by the most recent United
18 States Census or official census estimates as provided by the United States Bureau
19 of the Census.
- 20 (3) Following the official publication of each decennial census by the United States
21 Bureau of the Census for the area embraced by a consolidated local government, the
22 council shall adopt an ordinance, if necessary, to redistrict the council districts. A
23 redistricting ordinance shall provide for the distribution of population among the
24 council districts as nearly equal as is reasonably possible. Every council district
25 shall be compact and contiguous and shall respect existing neighborhood,
26 community, and city boundaries whenever possible.
- 27 (4) The consolidated local government council members shall serve for a term of four

1 (4) years beginning on the first Monday in January following their election, except
2 that the initial election of council members shall be in a manner as to provide for
3 staggered terms for council members. At the initial election of the members of a
4 consolidated local government council, those representing even-numbered districts
5 shall be elected for a two (2) year term. Those representing odd-numbered districts
6 shall be elected for a four (4) year term. Thereafter, all council members shall be
7 elected for four (4) year terms.

8 (5) The members of a consolidated local government council shall be nominated and
9 elected from the district in which they reside in partisan elections. After the initial
10 terms of office of the first elected council members, council members shall be
11 elected in the same election years as other local government officials as regulated by
12 the regular election laws of the Commonwealth and as provided in subsection (4) of
13 this section.

14 (6) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of a consolidated local government
15 council unless he or she is at least eighteen (18) years old, a qualified voter, and a
16 resident within the territory of the consolidated local government and the district
17 that he or she seeks to represent for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the
18 person's election. A council member shall continue to reside within the district from
19 which he or she was elected throughout the term of office.

20 (7) The presiding officer of a consolidated local government council shall be a
21 president who shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the entire council from
22 among its members at the first meeting of the council in January. The council
23 president has the right to introduce any resolution or recommend any ordinance and
24 shall be entitled to vote on all matters.

25 (8) The consolidated local government council shall upon notice meet within seven (7)
26 days after its members have taken office, and shall thereafter hold at least one (1)
27 regular meeting per month. No newspaper notice shall be required for regular or

1 special meetings of the consolidated local government council. However, notice of
2 all meetings of the council and all meetings of committees of the council shall be
3 held pursuant to KRS 61.805 to 61.850.

4 (9) A majority of the members of the consolidated local government council shall
5 constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day. The
6 consolidated local government council may enforce the attendance of members by
7 rules or ordinances with appropriate fines. The mayor or two-thirds (2/3) of the
8 entire membership of the council may call a special meeting at any time. Meetings
9 shall be held in such places in the county as are provided by ordinance, and the
10 place of meetings shall not be changed except by an ordinance for which two-thirds
11 (2/3) of the members of the consolidated local government council have voted.

12 (10) The council shall determine its own rules and order of business, and keep and
13 provide a public record of its proceedings. The council shall provide for the
14 publication of all ordinances in a composite code of ordinances.

15 (11) Council ordinances that prescribe penalties for their violation shall be enforced
16 through the entire area of the consolidated local government unless:

17 (a) Otherwise provided by statute; or

18 (b) The legislative body of any city within the consolidated local government area
19 has adopted an ordinance pertaining to the same subject matter that is the
20 same as or more stringent than the standards set forth in the consolidated local
21 government's ordinance.

22 (12) In the case of a vacancy on the consolidated local government council by reason of
23 death, resignation, or removal, the council by majority vote of the membership of
24 the council shall elect a qualified resident of the council district not later than thirty
25 (30) days after the date the vacancy occurs. Should the council fail to elect, by
26 majority vote of the membership of the council, a qualified person to fill the
27 vacancy within thirty (30) days, the mayor of the consolidated local government

1 shall fill the vacancy by appointment of a qualified person for the unexpired term.

2 (13) All legislative powers of a consolidated local government are vested in the
3 consolidated local government council. The term "legislative power" is to be
4 construed broadly and shall include the power to:

5 (a) Enact ordinances, orders, and resolutions, and override a veto of the mayor by
6 a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership of the legislative council;

7 (b) Review the budgets of and appropriate money to the consolidated local
8 government;

9 (c) Adopt a budget ordinance;

10 (d) Levy taxes, subject to the limitations of the Constitution and the laws of the
11 Commonwealth of Kentucky;

12 (e) Establish standing and temporary committees; and

13 (f) Make independent audits and investigations concerning the affairs of the
14 consolidated local government and any board or commission that:

15 1. Is composed of members who are appointed by the mayor and approved
16 by the legislative council; or

17 2. Has a budget that is equal to or greater than one million dollars
18 (\$1,000,000.00), except that this subparagraph shall not apply to any fee
19 officer elected within the consolidated local government.

20 (14) (a) The consolidated local government council shall establish a Government
21 Oversight and Audit Committee. This committee shall be:

22 1. Composed of members from each of the two (2) largest political
23 caucuses in the legislative council;

24 2. Appointed by the chairs of their respective caucuses; and

25 3. Composed on the basis of the proportion of each of the two (2) caucuses'
26 total membership as compared to the total membership of the legislative
27 council. Any fractional proportions shall be rounded in the favor of the

1 smallest caucus' membership on the committee.

2 (b) The committee shall have the power to:

3 1. Compel testimony and the submission of work papers or documents;

4 2. Issue subpoenas to compel any officer, ~~[- of or]~~ appointee, or former

5 officer or appointee to a board or commission described in subsection

6 (13)(f) of this section or any department or division of the consolidated

7 local government to appear before the committee and to compel the

8 submission to the committee of any work papers or documents pertinent

9 to an independent audit or investigation. Any subpoenas issued or

10 testimony compelled shall be subject to any relevant statutes concerning

11 privacy. Testimony subject to KRS 61.810 shall only be taken in

12 executive session. The right to privacy or the requirement that testimony

13 be taken in executive session may be waived by the person or entity

14 being subpoenaed or compelled to testify;

15 3. Petition the appropriate Circuit Court to compel obedience by

16 proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of a subpoena

17 issued from the Circuit Court or a refusal to testify therein, if any officer

18 or appointee fails or refuses to testify or furnish the work papers or

19 documents subpoenaed;

20 4. Administer oaths to witnesses appearing before the committee when the

21 committee deems the administration of an oath necessary and advisable

22 as provided by law. This decision to administer oaths shall be taken by a

23 majority vote of the committee of the legislative council; and

24 5. Recommend the removal of any appointee to a board or commission

25 described in subsection (13)(f) of this section.

26 (c) The legislative council of the consolidated local government shall adopt by

27 resolution any process or procedures deemed necessary for the administration

1 of subpoenas and oaths.

2 (d) The legislative council of the consolidated local government may only act to
3 remove an appointee to a board or commission described in subsection (13)(f)
4 of this section upon the recommendation of the Government Oversight and
5 Audit Committee.

6 (e) The Government Oversight and Audit Committee shall have the power to
7 issue subpoenas or administer oaths. Except as provided in KRS 65.003(7),
8 the legislative council of the consolidated local government shall not delegate
9 those powers to any other entity or entities not a part of the legislative council
10 of the consolidated local government.

11 (15) The consolidated local government council shall be known as the legislative council
12 of/..... County Metro Government, which shall be a
13 combination of the names of the largest city in existence in the county on the date of
14 the adoption of the consolidated local government and the county.

15 ➔Section 2. KRS 67C.105 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) All executive and administrative power of the government shall be vested in the
17 office of the mayor. The term "executive and administrative power" shall be
18 construed broadly. The mayor shall be the chief executive of a consolidated local
19 government formed under the provisions of KRS 67C.101 to 67C.137.

20 (2) (a) The mayor shall be nominated and elected in partisan elections for a term of
21 four (4) years in the same election years as other local government officials as
22 regulated by the regular election laws of the Commonwealth.

23 (b) The mayor shall assume office on the first Monday in January following his or
24 her election. He or she shall serve until a successor qualifies.

25 (c) After January 1, 2023, the mayor may serve for no more than two (2)~~three~~
26 ~~(3)~~ consecutive terms, after which time he or she shall be prohibited from
27 running for election or being appointed as mayor for a period of at least four

1 (4) years.

2 (3) The mayor shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old, a qualified voter, a member
3 of his or her political party, and a resident of the territory encompassing the
4 consolidated local government for a period of at least one (1) year prior to his or her
5 election as mayor. The mayor shall continue to reside within the geographic
6 boundary of the consolidated local government throughout his or her term of office.

7 (4) Except as otherwise provided in KRS 67C.101 to 67C.137, the mayor shall have all
8 the power and authority that the mayor of the city of the first class and the county
9 judge/executive exercised under the Constitution and the general laws of the
10 Commonwealth of Kentucky prior to the consolidation.

11 (5) The mayor is authorized to supervise, administer, and control all departments and
12 agencies as may be created by KRS 67C.101 to 67C.137 or created by ordinance.
13 The mayor shall appoint all department and agency directors. The appointees shall
14 serve at the pleasure of the mayor. Specifically, the mayor shall:

15 (a) Prepare and submit an annual report coinciding with the fiscal year, on the
16 state of the consolidated local government, to be presented at a public meeting
17 of the council;

18 (b) Submit an annual budget no fewer than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the
19 fiscal year;

20 (c) Oversee the administration and implementation of the adopted budget
21 ordinance;

22 (d) Enforce the ordinances of the consolidated local government;

23 (e) Supervise all officers, agents, employees, cabinets, departments, offices,
24 agencies, functions, and duties of the consolidated local government;

25 (f) Call special meetings of the consolidated local government council;

26 (g) Appoint and remove his or her own staff at his or her own pleasure;

27 (h) Execute written contracts, subscriptions, agreements, or obligations of the

- 1 consolidated local government;
- 2 (i) Approve or veto ordinances and resolutions adopted by the consolidated local
3 government council;
- 4 (j) Submit any written contracts, subscriptions, agreements, or obligations
5 exceeding the small purchase amount established pursuant to KRS 45A.385 in
6 a resolution to the legislative council for its approval or its disapproval. Those
7 written contracts, subscriptions, agreements, or obligations awarded to the
8 lowest evaluated bid or proposal pursuant to KRS 45A.343 to 45A.460 shall
9 be excluded, unless the legislative council changes the threshold for
10 submission of a resolution. The legislative council may, by ordinance, set
11 threshold amounts other than those established by KRS 45A.385 for the small
12 purchases for submission of a resolution for its approval or disapproval; and
- 13 (k) Appoint a deputy mayor within seven (7) days of the mayor taking the oath of
14 office and keep the office of deputy mayor filled throughout the mayor's term.
15 The deputy mayor shall:
- 16 1. Meet all the qualifications for mayor established pursuant to subsection
17 (3) of this section;
- 18 2. Serve at the mayor's pleasure and may be replaced by the mayor for any
19 cause; and
- 20 3. Have only the duties assigned to him or her by the mayor.
- 21 (6) (a) If the office of mayor becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, or
22 removal:
- 23 1. The deputy mayor shall become the temporary mayor, inheriting all
24 powers and duties of the mayor;
- 25 2. The deputy mayor shall serve as temporary mayor for no more than
26 thirty (30) days until the council, by a majority vote of the members of
27 the council, shall elect a resident of the consolidated local government

1 who meets the qualifications for mayor established pursuant to
2 subsection (3) of this section to serve as mayor. The council may select
3 the temporary mayor for this position. If the legislative council fails to
4 elect a person to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the vacancy
5 occurs, the Governor shall fill the vacancy in the office by appointment
6 of a qualified person who is a resident of the consolidated local
7 government and meets the qualifications for mayor established pursuant
8 to subsection (3) of this section; and

9 3. The tenure of the gubernatorial appointment shall be governed by
10 Section 152 of the Kentucky Constitution.

11 (b) If the offices of both the mayor and deputy mayor become vacant by reason of
12 death, resignation, or removal:

13 1. The presiding officer of the consolidated local government council shall
14 become the temporary mayor, inheriting all powers and duties of the
15 mayor;

16 2. The presiding officer shall serve as temporary mayor for no more than
17 thirty (30) days until the council shall, by a majority vote of the
18 members of the council, elect a resident of the consolidated local
19 government who meets the qualifications for mayor established pursuant
20 to subsection (3) of this section. The council may select the temporary
21 mayor for this position. If the legislative council fails to elect a person to
22 fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, the
23 Governor shall fill the vacancy in the office by appointment of a
24 qualified person who is a resident of the consolidated local government
25 and meets the qualifications for mayor established pursuant to
26 subsection (3) of this section; and

27 3. The tenure of the gubernatorial appointment shall be governed by

1 Section 152 of the Kentucky Constitution.

2 (7) The mayor of a consolidated local government shall be known as the mayor of
3/..... County Metro Government, which shall be a combination
4 of the names of the largest city in existence in the county on the date of the adoption
5 of the consolidated local government and the county.

6 ➔Section 3. KRS 67C.111 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) All cities other than those of the first class located within the territory of the
8 consolidated local government, upon the successful passage of the question to
9 consolidate a city of the first class and its county, shall remain incorporated unless
10 dissolved in accordance with KRS 81.094 and shall continue to exercise all powers
11 and perform the functions permitted by the Constitution and general laws of the
12 Commonwealth of Kentucky applicable to the cities of the class to which they have
13 been assigned.

14 (2) (a) After July 15, 2024, with the approval of the consolidated local
15 government's legislative council, qualified voters within the consolidated
16 local government may establish new cities within the consolidated local
17 government pursuant to KRS 81.050 and 81.060. The proposed city must
18 have a population of six thousand (6,000) or greater. This territory shall not
19 be within any urban services boundary of the consolidated local government
20 nor shall it include any territory currently incorporated within any existing
21 city. The approval of the desire to establish a new city shall be in the form of
22 a resolution by the consolidated local government's legislative council. If
23 the legislative council does not act upon the request within sixty (60) days of
24 the receipt of the desire to incorporate a new city, that shall serve as notice
25 of approval by the legislative council of the incorporation of the new city.

26 (b) If the petition to form a city is signed by sixty-six percent (66%) or more of
27 the qualified voters in the area proposed to be incorporated, the

1 consolidated local government's legislative council shall approve the
2 proposed incorporation.

3 (c) If the petition to form a city is signed by less than sixty-six percent (66%) of
4 the qualified voters in the area proposed to be incorporated, the
5 consolidated local government's legislative council may approve the
6 proposed incorporation. ~~[Upon the adoption of a consolidated local~~
7 ~~government in a county containing a city of the first class, there shall be no~~
8 ~~further incorporations of cities within the county.]~~

9 (3) ~~[Upon the adoption of a consolidated local government in a county containing a city~~
10 ~~of the first class, there shall be no annexations for a period of twelve (12) years by~~
11 ~~any city remaining in the county. After that time,]~~Any proposed annexation by a
12 city in that county shall first receive the approval of the legislative council of the
13 consolidated local government prior to the city proceeding under the provisions of
14 KRS Chapter 81A. The city shall request the approval of the consolidated
15 legislative council by ordinance. After July 15, 2024, if the ordinance is
16 accompanied by a petition in favor of the proposed annexation signed by sixty-six
17 percent (66%) or more of the qualified voters of the area proposed to be annexed,
18 the consolidated government legislative council shall approve the proposed
19 annexation. The consolidated legislative council's decision shall be made by
20 ordinance and within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the request by the affected
21 city. If an ordinance has not been enacted by the consolidated legislative council
22 within sixty (60) days, the request for a city to proceed with an annexation proposal
23 shall be deemed to be approved by the consolidated legislative council. An
24 ordinance approving annexation passed by the consolidated local government
25 legislative council shall not be subject to veto by the mayor of the consolidated
26 local government.

27 (4) The adoption of a consolidated local government in a county containing a city of the

1 first class shall not prevent the merger or dissolution of any existing cities as
2 provided by law or the merger of any remaining cities with the newly consolidated
3 local government.

4 ➔Section 4. KRS 67C.115 is amended to read as follows:

- 5 (1) Upon the successful passage of the question to consolidate a city of the first class
6 and its county, all ordinances and resolutions of the previously existing city of the
7 first class and all ordinances and resolutions of the county shall become effective
8 ordinances and resolutions of the consolidated local government until repealed,
9 modified, or amended in accordance with the following order of precedence:
- 10 (a) If a city ordinance conflicts with a county ordinance, the county ordinance
11 shall prevail and shall become effective countywide; and
- 12 (b) If a city ordinance addresses a subject matter not addressed by a county
13 ordinance, the city ordinance shall become effective countywide; and
- 14 (c) If a county ordinance addresses a subject matter not addressed by a city
15 ordinance, the county ordinance shall become effective countywide.

16 Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection and in the event a uniform land
17 development code has not been jointly adopted by the city and county prior to the
18 effective date of a consolidated local government, the historic preservation and
19 landmarks ordinances, and the zoning regulations of the city adopted pursuant to
20 KRS Chapter 100, shall prevail and become effective countywide.

- 21 (2) Ordinances and resolutions of either the city of the first class or its county in
22 existence on the effective date of a local government consolidation which conflict
23 with other provisions of this chapter shall be void. Except as provided in KRS
24 67C.123(3), any ordinance, resolution, or order in effect in a city of the first class or
25 its county on the date a consolidated local government takes effect shall expire five
26 (5) years from that date unless amended or reenacted by the consolidated local
27 government.

- 1 (3) All ordinances of the city and county creating agencies and boards and interlocal
 2 agreements shall survive and be deemed reenacted by the council. All members may
 3 serve the balance of the terms to which they were appointed and until their
 4 successors are appointed and duly qualified according to law.
- 5 (4) For purposes of this section, a conflict shall be deemed to exist between ordinances
 6 or resolutions, or the provisions of this chapter, where any rights, remedies,
 7 entitlements, or the enforcement thereof cannot reasonably be reconciled.
- 8 (5) The county attorney shall serve as the legal advisor and representative to the
 9 consolidated local government, ~~and~~ except for those duties pertaining to fiscal
 10 court, ~~set forth in KRS 69.210,~~ The county attorney shall retain and exercise all
 11 other duties, powers, and rights delegated to that office by law, **excluding the power**
 12 **to approve legislation prior to its consideration by the legislative body of the**
 13 **consolidated local government. The county attorney may provide an opinion on**
 14 **the form, legality, or constitutionality of any legislative action, but that opinion**
 15 **shall only be an advisory opinion.** This subsection does not prevent the
 16 consolidated local government council from retaining its own legal counsel ~~solely~~
 17 ~~for~~ advice and consultation should they choose to do so.
- 18 (6) Wherever the words "county judge" or "county judge/executive" appear in any
 19 resolution or ordinance in existence in a city of the first class or in a county
 20 containing a city of the first class as of the effective date of the establishment of a
 21 consolidated local government, they shall be deemed to mean the mayor of the
 22 consolidated local government.

23 ➔Section 5. KRS 67C.139 is amended to read as follows:

24 If a cooperative compact exists between a city of the first class and its county prior to the
 25 creation of a consolidated local government, upon the establishment of the consolidated
 26 local government:

- 27 (1) (a) The mayor of the consolidated local government shall assume all appointment

1 authority previously held by the county judge/executive and the mayor of the
2 consolidating governments. Appointments made by the mayor should reflect
3 the political, geographic, gender, age, and racial diversity of the population
4 within the jurisdiction of the consolidated local government. Upon the
5 expiration of a term of appointment, the mayor shall make an appointment or
6 reappointment within ninety (90) days of the term's expiration.

7 (b) If the mayor fails to make an appointment within ninety (90) days, the
8 legislative council of the consolidated local government shall make the
9 appointment within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the ninety (90) day
10 period. The legislative council's appointment shall take into account the
11 political, geographic, gender, age, and racial diversity of the population. The
12 legislative council shall adopt a resolution specifying how these appointments
13 shall be made; and

14 (2) (a) *The mayor shall make all appointments to agencies, boards, and*
15 *commissions established by statute in the manner as prescribed by statute,*
16 *subject to any requirements for legislative body approval as required by the*
17 *relevant statutes. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Kentucky*
18 *Revised Statutes, the legislative body of the consolidated local government*
19 *shall have sixty (60) days in which to give approval of an appointment, if*
20 *approval is required by statute.*

21 *(b) The presiding officer of the legislative council shall make all legislative*
22 *council appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions from the*
23 *membership of the legislative council, subject to paragraph (a) of this*
24 *subsection.* ~~When authorized by statute, the mayor shall, subject to legislative~~
25 ~~council approval, determine which statutorily created agencies, boards, and~~
26 ~~commissions require legislative council approval for the appointment of~~
27 ~~members.~~

1 ~~(b) 1. Subject to legislative council approval, the mayor shall determine the~~
2 ~~agencies, boards, and commissions to which legislative council~~
3 ~~members shall be appointed. The mayor's determination under this~~
4 ~~subparagraph shall be made in consultation with the Office of the~~
5 ~~Attorney General and shall not violate the incompatible offices~~
6 ~~prohibitions in KRS 61.080(3).~~

7 ~~2. The presiding officer of the legislative council shall make all legislative~~
8 ~~council appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions from the~~
9 ~~membership of the legislative council, subject to subparagraph 1. of this~~
10 ~~paragraph.~~

11 ~~(c) The legislative council shall enact an ordinance setting out the role of the~~
12 ~~legislative council, if any, in the appointment process for each individual~~
13 ~~agency, board, and commission created by statute. Only one (1) agency, board,~~
14 ~~or commission shall be addressed per ordinance. Such ordinance shall require~~
15 ~~a vote of the majority of the entire membership of the legislative council for~~
16 ~~approval and shall be subject to mayoral veto and legislative override pursuant~~
17 ~~to KRS 67C.103(13)(a) and 67C.105(5)(i); and~~

18 ~~(3) The appointment of members to all agencies, boards, and commissions created by~~
19 ~~ordinance shall be determined by the ordinance creating the agency, board, or~~
20 ~~commission.]~~

21 ➔Section 6. KRS 67C.143 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) Unless otherwise provided by law, any elected officer of a consolidated local
23 government in case of misconduct, incapacity, or willful neglect in the performance
24 of the duties of his or her office may be removed from office by the legislative
25 council, sitting as a court, under oath, upon charges preferred by the mayor or by
26 any five (5) members of the legislative council, or, in case of charges against the
27 mayor, upon charges preferred by not less than ten (10) members of the legislative

1 council. ~~[No legislative council member preferring a charge shall sit as a member of~~
2 ~~the legislative council when it tries that charge.]~~

3 (2) No elected officer shall be removed without having been given the right to a full
4 public hearing.

5 (3) A decision to remove a mayor, legislative council member, or appointee to a board
6 or commission shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of
7 legislative council members.

8 (4) Any elected officer removed from office under the provisions of this section may
9 appeal to the Circuit Court and from there to the Court of Appeals. The appeal to
10 the Circuit Court shall be taken and tried in the same manner as civil cases are tried.

11 (5) (a) No elected officer removed from office under this section shall be eligible to
12 fill the office vacated before the expiration of the term to which the elected
13 member was originally elected.

14 (b) Any appointee to a board or commission removed under this section shall not
15 be eligible for:

16 1. The office from which he or she was removed before five (5) years
17 following the date of his or her removal from that office; or

18 2. Appointment to a board or commission described in KRS
19 67C.103(13)(f) before five (5) years following the date of his or her
20 removal from that office.

21 ➔Section 7. KRS 67C.147 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) In order to maintain the tax structure, tax rates, or level of services in the area of the
23 consolidated local government formerly comprising the city of the first class, the
24 legislative council of a consolidated local government may provide in the manner
25 described in this chapter for taxes and services within the area comprising the
26 former city of the first class which are different from the taxes and services which
27 are applicable in the remainder of the county. These differences may include

1 differences in tax rates upon the class of property which includes the surface of the
2 land, differences in ad valorem tax rates upon personal property, and differences in
3 tax rates upon insurance premiums.

4 (2) Any difference in the ad valorem tax rate on the class of property which includes
5 the surface of the land in the portion of the county formerly comprising the city of
6 the first class and in the portion of the county other than that formerly comprising
7 the city of the first class may be imposed directly by the consolidated local
8 government council. Any change in these ad valorem tax rates shall comply with
9 KRS 68.245, 132.010, 132.017, and 132.027 and shall be used for services as
10 provided by KRS 82.085.

11 (3) If the consolidated local government council determines to provide for tax rates
12 applicable to health insurance premiums and personal property which are different
13 in the area formerly comprising the city of the first class than the rates applicable in
14 the remainder of the county, it shall do so in the following manner. The
15 consolidated local government council shall by ordinance create a tax district to be
16 known as the "urban service tax district" bounded by the former boundaries of the
17 former city of the first class. The ordinance shall designate the number of members
18 of the board of this taxing district and the manner in which they shall be appointed.
19 The ordinance shall provide that the board of the taxing district shall receive the
20 income derived from the differential in tax rate applicable in the area formerly
21 comprising the city of the first class with respect to personal property, health
22 insurance premiums, or both, and shall contract with the consolidated local
23 government to pay all sums collected to the consolidated local government, in
24 return for the provision of services performed by the consolidated local government
25 within the area formerly comprising the city of the first class which services are in
26 addition to services performed by the consolidated local government in the
27 remainder of the county. **The consolidated local government shall provide at least**

1 *an annual reporting to the urban service tax district board and the legislative*
2 *body of the consolidated local government containing but not limited to detailed*
3 *operating and capital expenditures of each service performed by the consolidated*
4 *local government.*

5 (4) After the initial formation of an urban service taxing district in a consolidated local
6 government, the boundaries of the district may be modified in the following
7 manner. The proposal to alter the boundaries of the urban service taxing district
8 within a consolidated local government may be initiated by:

9 (a) A resolution enacted by the consolidated local government describing the
10 boundaries of the area to be added to or deleted from the taxing district and
11 duly passed and signed by the mayor not less than one hundred twenty (120)
12 days before the next regularly scheduled election day within the county; or

13 (b) A petition signed by a number of qualified voters living within precincts
14 within the area to be added to or deleted from the taxing district equal to ten
15 percent (10%) of the votes cast within each precinct in the last general election
16 for President of the United States and delivered to the clerk of the legislative
17 council more than one hundred twenty (120) days next preceding the next
18 regularly scheduled election day within the county.

19 The boundaries so described in either case shall not cross precinct lines. The
20 question of whether the area bounded as described should be added to or deleted
21 from, as the case may be, the urban services taxing district shall then be placed upon
22 the ballot in the precincts in the area to be added or deleted at the next regular
23 election and the question stated on the ballot shall be so phrased that a "Yes" vote
24 shall be cast in favor of making the proposed change and a "No" vote shall be cast
25 to oppose the proposed change. If a majority of those voting in those precincts
26 support the change, then the change in the boundaries of the urban service district
27 shall be implemented.

1 ➔Section 8. (1) The mayor of the Louisville Metro Government shall
2 establish the Louisville Metro Comprehensive Review Commission. Notwithstanding the
3 provisions of KRS 6.945, the Louisville Metro Government shall provide the necessary
4 administrative support for the commission.

5 (2) The Louisville Metro Comprehensive Review Commission shall submit its
6 findings and any recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to
7 the appropriate committee or committees by September 15, 2023.

8 (3) The Louisville Metro Comprehensive Review Commission shall be composed
9 of the following members:

- 10 (a) The mayor of the Consolidated Local Government or his or her designee;
- 11 (b) The president of the Jefferson County League of Cities or his or her designee;
- 12 (c) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 13 (d) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the
14 Senate;
- 15 (e) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
16 the House of Representatives;
- 17 (f) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Floor
18 Leader of the House of Representatives;
- 19 (g) Three members of the legislative council of Louisville/Jefferson County
20 Metro Government, recommended by the president of the legislative council
21 of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government. Two of these members
22 shall be from the majority party caucus of the legislative council of
23 Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government and one from the minority
24 party caucus of the legislative council of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro
25 Government;
- 26 (h) Three members of Greater Louisville Incorporated, recommended by the chief
27 executive officer of Greater Louisville Incorporated. One of these members

1 shall be the owner of a minority-owned business that is a member of Greater
2 Louisville Incorporated; and

3 (i) One member of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association recommended
4 by the president of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association.

5 (4) Final membership of the task force is subject to the consideration and
6 approval of the Legislative Research Commission.

7 (5) The duties of the Louisville Metro Comprehensive Review Commission shall
8 include but are not limited to:

9 (a) A searching and thorough review of the accomplishments and insufficiencies,
10 if any, of the consolidated local government model of government and
11 recommendations for any statutory changes;

12 (b) A thorough review of the roles and duties of the mayor of the Consolidated
13 Local Government and the legislative council of Louisville/Jefferson County
14 Metro Government as it relates to duties, oversight, budgeting, and
15 administration of the Louisville Metro Government and any recommendations
16 for alleviation of issues and disputes via either internal changes or statutory
17 changes;

18 (c) A thorough review of intergovernmental relations between the Louisville
19 Metro Government and the suburban cities and special service districts within
20 the consolidated local government's jurisdiction and any recommendations for
21 alleviation of issues and insufficiencies via either internal changes or statutory
22 changes;

23 (d) A thorough review of tax powers and funding of Louisville Metro
24 Government and the suburban cities and special service districts within the
25 consolidated local government's jurisdiction and any recommendations for
26 alleviation of issues and insufficiencies via either internal changes or statutory
27 changes;

- 1 (e) A thorough review of the distribution and provision of governmental services
2 between the Louisville Metro Government and the suburban cities and special
3 service districts within the consolidated local government's jurisdiction and
4 any recommendations for alleviation of issues and insufficiencies via either
5 internal changes or statutory changes; and
- 6 (f) A thorough review of the future of relations between the Louisville Metro
7 Government and the suburban cities and special service districts within the
8 consolidated local government's jurisdiction and any recommendations for
9 alleviation of issues and insufficiencies via either internal changes or statutory
10 changes, including the merger of existing suburban cities, the creation of
11 further suburban cities, the annexation of territory by suburban cities, the
12 creation of further special service districts, the merger of special service
13 districts, or the expansion of urban service district boundaries.
- 14 (6) The provisions of this section of the Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the
15 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
16 issues identified therein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
17 designate a study completion date. This section of the Act shall have the legal status of a
18 Senate Concurrent Resolution.