

1 AN ACT relating to natural resources and energy.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 278.050 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The Public Service Commission shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the
5 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. If the Senate is not in session
6 when a term expires or a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall make the appointment
7 to take effect at once, subject to the approval of the Senate when convened.
8 Appointments to the Public Service Commission made more than ninety (90) days
9 prior to a regular session of the General Assembly shall be subject to confirmation
10 by the *Interim* Joint~~Interim~~ Committee on *Natural Resources and* Energy. Each
11 of the three (3) members of the commission shall be appointed on or before the first
12 day of July, 1982, for staggered terms as follows: one (1) shall serve until the first
13 day of July, 1983, one (1) until the first day of July, 1984, and one (1) until the first
14 day of July, 1985, and thereafter for a term of four (4) years and until a successor is
15 appointed and qualified. Each member of the commission shall be a full-time
16 employee as defined in KRS 18A.005(17).
- 17 (2) The Governor shall appoint one (1) of the commissioners on the commission to act
18 as chairman thereof and the chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the
19 commission. The Governor shall designate one (1) of the commissioners on the
20 commission to serve as vice chairman thereof and act for the chairman in the latter's
21 absence.
- 22 (3) Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as original
23 appointments, but the appointee shall hold office only to the end of the unexpired
24 term.