

1 AN ACT relating to public protection.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 75.160 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The chief of the fire department in fire protection districts shall attend all sessions  
5 of the board, except executive sessions, and he *or she* shall execute all the orders of  
6 the board. Whenever "chief" is used in KRS 75.100 to 75.260, it shall include the  
7 assistant chief when the chief is not on duty.
- 8 (2) The regular members of the fire department in fire protection districts, except  
9 volunteer firemen, shall have the same powers of arrest as now given by law to  
10 sheriffs of this Commonwealth, and they are hereby expressly declared  
11 conservators of the public peace whose duties, in addition to their other prescribed  
12 duties, are to conserve the peace, enforce all laws, and preserve order, and they  
13 shall have and are hereby expressly given the same right and the same power to  
14 arrest, search, and seize as is now given by law to sheriffs of this Commonwealth,  
15 and they shall be at all times subject to the orders of the county judge/executive in  
16 which the fire district lies while enforcing the provisions of this section. Provided,  
17 however, that members of said fire departments shall not have the power to serve  
18 subpoenas, summonses, and notices in civil cases, and they shall receive no fees for  
19 performing any of the duties prescribed in this section as pertains to powers of law  
20 enforcement. The members shall constitute a law enforcement agency in addition to  
21 the patrol and investigation functions of the sheriff and his *or her* deputies under  
22 KRS 75.150 to 75.170.