

1 AN ACT relating to oaths.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 6.072 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Witnesses ***testifying before***~~[attending]~~ the General Assembly,~~[either house or]~~ a~~[~~  
5 legislative~~]~~ committee, ***interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee,***  
6 ***commission, or task force of the General Assembly,*** are entitled to the same  
7 privileges and immunities, and the same compensation, as witnesses in other ***civil***  
8 ***and criminal proceedings***~~[cases]~~. When summoned by the Commonwealth, they  
9 shall be paid out of the State Treasury.
- 10 (2) ***Any member acting as chair***~~[Chairmen]~~ of ***a***~~[the]~~ ***committee,***~~[committees]~~ ***interim***  
11 ***committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force*** of the  
12 ***General Assembly***~~[Senate and House of Representatives]~~ ***shall***~~[may]~~ administer  
13 ***an***~~[all necessary oaths]~~ ***oath*** to any person who appears or is called to testify before  
14 ***that***~~[a]~~ committee, ***interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee,***  
15 ***commission, or task force of the General Assembly***~~[of either house]~~.
- 16 (3) (a) ***The oath administered to each witness who testifies before a committee,***  
17 ***interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task***  
18 ***force of the General Assembly shall follow the oath administered to a***  
19 ***witness in a court of law and read as follows: "Do you swear or affirm that***  
20 ***you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"***
- 21 (b) ***If a witness refuses to take the oath, then he or she shall not be permitted to***  
22 ***testify before the committee.***
- 23 (4) ***An oath sworn during a previous committee, interim committee, statutory***  
24 ***committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force meeting shall not apply to***  
25 ***any future meeting of a committee, interim committee, statutory committee,***  
26 ***subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly.***
- 27 (5) ***Testimony given under oath shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS***

1        Chapter 523.  
2        (6) All meetings of a committee, interim committee, statutory committee,  
3        subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly, including the  
4        administration of an oath to any testifying witnesses, shall be video recorded and  
5        transcribed.