

1 AN ACT relating to energy.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 152.713 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) For purposes of this section, "renewable energy" has the same meaning as in KRS
5 154.20-400.
- 6 (2) The Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship is
7 hereby created.
- 8 (3) The Center for Renewable Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship shall:
- 9 (a) Provide leadership, research, support, and policy development in renewable
10 energy;
- 11 (b) Advance the goal of renewable energy;
- 12 (c) Promote technologies, practices, and programs that increase efficiency in
13 energy utilization in homes, businesses, and public buildings;
- 14 (d) Emphasize energy policies that would result in cost-conscious, responsible
15 development of Kentucky's energy resources and a commitment to
16 environmental quality;
- 17 (e) Promote partnerships among the Commonwealth's~~[state's]~~ postsecondary
18 education institutions, private industry, and nonprofit organizations to actively
19 pursue federal research and development resources that are dedicated to
20 renewable energy;
- 21 (f) Promote the continued development of public-private partnerships dedicated
22 to promoting energy efficiency through education and outreach;
- 23 (g) Establish research priorities with approval of the board of directors created in
24 subsection (4) of this section, relating to renewable energy, and develop
25 procedures and processes for awarding research grants to eligible recipients as
26 defined by the board and to the extent that funding is available;
- 27 (h) Collaborate with the Office of Energy Policy to avoid duplication of efforts,

1 provide appropriate data and information, and support the implementation of
2 Kentucky's comprehensive energy strategy; and

3 (i) Carry out other activities to further the efficient and environmentally
4 responsible use of renewable energy.

5 (4) (a) There is hereby created a governing board of directors to provide policy
6 direction, establish a strategic research agenda and operating policies, and
7 provide financial and operational oversight for the Center for Renewable
8 Energy Research and Environmental Stewardship. ~~The initial board shall be~~
9 ~~appointed within sixty (60) days following July 15, 2008.~~

10 (b) The board shall consist of thirteen (13) members:

11 1. One (1) member to represent the Office of Energy Policy as designated
12 by its executive director;

13 2. Three (3) members representing postsecondary education interests who
14 shall be appointed by the Governor;

15 3. One (1) member to be designated by the governing body of the
16 Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation;

17 4. One (1) member from an energy conservation organization who shall be
18 appointed by the Governor;

19 5. The secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet or the secretary's
20 designee;

21 6. One (1) member who shall be a recognized consumer advocate to be
22 appointed by the Governor;

23 7. Three (3) members to represent companies that are focused on
24 renewable energy who shall be appointed by the Governor;

25 8. One (1) member who shall represent environmental interests to be
26 appointed by the Governor; and

27 9. One (1) member who shall be selected to represent local government

1 interests to be appointed by the Governor.

2 (c) The members appointed by the Governor shall serve two (2) year terms and
3 may be reappointed. The members representing specific agencies shall serve
4 for as long as the respective agencies determine appropriate.

5 (5) The board shall:

6 (a) Adopt operating procedures, including a meeting schedule;

7 (b) Meet at least quarterly;

8 (c) Select a chair and co-chair annually who may be reelected, not to exceed three
9 (3) consecutive terms;

10 (d) Establish working groups or subcommittees of the board as the board
11 determines is needed;

12 (e) Establish qualifications and job descriptions, set the compensation and
13 benefits, and employ staff as it determines necessary to carry out its
14 responsibilities under this section; and

15 (f) Provide an annual program and financial report to the Legislative Research
16 Commission within ninety (90) days of the close of each fiscal year.