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KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **SB 1/GA**

On page 1, line 2 through page 11, line 26, delete in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has a compelling interest in ensuring that all students receive access to safe, reliable, and effective public education systems that meet student needs, protect student well-being, and responsibly steward public funds; and

WHEREAS, certain school districts within the Commonwealth operate at a scale and level of complexity that is fundamentally different from the operational, governance, and management demands faced by other local school districts; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) serves approximately 95,000 students across 168 schools, educates students speaking more than 139 languages, and employs thousands of instructional and noninstructional staff, creating a large and complex public educational system unlike any other district in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, JCPS operates one of the largest public-sector budgets in the Commonwealth, managing an annual district budget of approximately \$1,900,000,000, which constitutes the largest public school district budget in Kentucky, exceeds the operating budget of Louisville Metro Government, is more than twice the size of the Commonwealth's second-largest public school district budget, and is nearly six times larger than the next-largest district, thereby magnifying the statewide fiscal risk associated with governance, management, and financial

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decision-making within the district; and

WHEREAS, JCPS operates a daily student transportation system serving approximately 60,000 riders, an operational footprint exceeding the total population of most Kentucky counties and requiring sophisticated logistical planning, real-time coordination, and cross-departmental management comparable to a municipal transit system rather than a typical school district; and

WHEREAS, JCPS employs a districtwide student assignment and choice model involving magnet programs, specialized academic pathways, and cross-attendance-zone enrollment that materially increases routing complexity, operational risk, and coordination demands beyond those faced by other Kentucky school districts; and

WHEREAS, repeated transportation failures within JCPS have resulted in students, particularly those attending magnet and choice schools, arriving home late into the evening hours, missing instructional time, and in some cases being unable to attend school at all, demonstrating systemic breakdowns in planning, execution, and executive accountability that directly undermine student safety, attendance, and educational access; and

WHEREAS, JCPS serves a student population with elevated needs, including higher concentrations of students living in poverty, students requiring special education services, English language learners, and students impacted by trauma, behavioral challenges, and chronic absenteeism, all of which necessitate integrated academic, transportation, safety, and support systems; and

WHEREAS, JCPS elementary, middle, and high schools overall earned a performance rating in the "orange" category for the 2024-2025 school year, the second-lowest tier in the state's accountability system, reflecting persistent and systemwide academic underperformance relative to statewide expectations; and

WHEREAS, JCPS state assessment results show that proficiency rates in reading remain unacceptably low across grade levels, with approximately 24 percent of elementary students, 22

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percent of middle school students, and 23 percent of high school students achieving proficiency in reading, demonstrating long-standing deficiencies in literacy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, JCPS assessment data further indicates persistently low proficiency in mathematics, with approximately 23 percent of elementary students, 20 percent of middle school students, and 19 percent of high school students scoring at the proficient level, underscoring chronic challenges in foundational numeracy essential to postsecondary readiness and workforce participation; and

WHEREAS, JCPS continues to experience significant and persistent deficiencies in literacy outcomes, especially in reading achievement among middle and high school students, which district leadership has publicly acknowledged cannot be addressed without sustained, systemwide intervention; and

WHEREAS, the number of JCPS schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) status increased from 34 schools in 2022 to 41 schools in 2025, demonstrating a growing concentration of the Commonwealth's lowest-performing schools within a single district and accounting for approximately 77 percent of all CSI-designated schools statewide; and

WHEREAS, JCPS continues to experience wide achievement gaps and inconsistent academic proficiency across schools, with district leadership publicly acknowledging that graduation and postsecondary readiness metrics mask persistent failures to ensure mastery of core academic subjects; and

WHEREAS, JCPS assessment reporting over the past decade reflects only incremental academic gains in reading, math, and science, with periods of stagnation that indicate structural limitations in the district's ability to drive sustained improvement at scale; and

WHEREAS, statewide and local reporting further demonstrate that chronic absenteeism within JCPS approaches one-third of enrolled students, a rate that materially undermines

learning, exacerbates achievement gaps, and reflects systemic failures in attendance, transportation reliability, and student engagement; and

WHEREAS, public reporting and district documentation reflect ongoing safety concerns within JCPS, including weapons incidents and the deployment of districtwide security technologies, requiring rapid operational decision-making and consistent systemwide execution to protect students and staff; and

WHEREAS, JCPS manages a nearly \$2,000,000,000 complex public system and has publicly reported significant budget deficits and ongoing fiscal pressures, creating heightened statewide risk exposure due to the district's size and its large share of Kentucky's total public school enrollment; and

WHEREAS, JCPS has publicly disclosed a substantial and growing budget shortfall, driven in part by undisciplined spending practices, reliance on temporary federal funds, and delayed corrective action, creating significant fiscal risk to a district heavily supported by statewide taxpayer dollars and highlighting the inability of existing governance structures to ensure timely financial oversight and corrective management; and

WHEREAS, JCPS' senior financial leadership has publicly acknowledged substantive financial and operational deficiencies within the district, including undisciplined budgeting practices enabled by temporary federal relief funds, materially flawed deficit projections, looming cash-flow insolvency risks, constrained revenue growth that fails to keep pace with inflation, and internal decision-making that limited the disclosure of pertinent financial data, collectively demonstrating systemic weaknesses in fiscal management, transparency, and long-term financial planning; and

WHEREAS, independent audits and public analyses of JCPS transportation operations have identified failures that are systemic rather than isolated, involving breakdowns in coordination among central office leadership, transportation planning, human resources, and

operational decision-making; and

WHEREAS, such audits and reporting indicate that diffuse authority and unclear executive accountability materially contributed to service delivery failures affecting student safety, attendance, and public confidence in the district; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, concerns regarding JCPS governance and management capacity resulted in a corrective action plan and settlement with state education authorities to avert a full state takeover, demonstrating longstanding and unresolved statewide concern regarding the district's ability to address its challenges under existing governance structures; and

WHEREAS, recurring operational crises, including transportation failures, safety incidents, fiscal instability, and persistent academic underperformance, reflect not merely programmatic shortcomings but structural governance deficiencies that impede timely, coordinated executive action; and

WHEREAS, districts operating at such a large scale and high level of complexity require governance structures that clearly distinguish between strategic oversight, policy-setting, and accountability on one hand, and day-to-day operational management and execution on the other; and

WHEREAS, large districts need clear operational authority and responsibility in a single chief executive officer, subject to defined reporting requirements, performance metrics, and board oversight, to create clearer accountability, faster decision-making, and more effective systemwide coordination; and

WHEREAS, restructuring board responsibilities to emphasize strategic planning, fiscal oversight, monitoring of academic and operational outcomes, and evaluation of executive performance aligns governance practices with those required to manage complex public institutions responsibly; and

WHEREAS, the governance structure established in subsection (2) of Section 1 of this Act

is intended to serve as a targeted and proportionate alternative to state takeover, preserving local control while addressing structural deficiencies that have repeatedly resulted in systemwide failures; and

WHEREAS, JCPS operates at a scale that is not merely larger, but qualitatively and quantitatively distinct from every other public school district in the Commonwealth, such that differences between JCPS and other districts are not incremental but exponential in student population, workforce size, operational scope, and fiscal exposure; and

WHEREAS, the gap between JCPS and the second-largest school district in Kentucky is itself greater than the gap between all remaining districts statewide, such that JCPS constitutes a natural and objectively identifiable class based on scale, complexity, and statewide impact; and

WHEREAS, districts of this magnitude present governance, operational, and fiscal challenges that are categorically different from those faced by small and mid-sized districts, and uniform governance structures designed for substantially smaller systems cannot reasonably be expected to perform effectively at this scale; and

WHEREAS, the concentration of academic, operational, transportation, safety, fiscal, and labor-management functions within a single district of this size requires continuous, coordinated executive decision-making that cannot be achieved when strategic oversight and day-to-day administration are commingled; and

WHEREAS, governance structures which require boards of education to simultaneously function as legislative bodies, executive managers, and operational supervisors become increasingly ineffective and unworkable as district scale and complexity increase; and

WHEREAS, repeated systemwide failures within JCPS demonstrate that existing governance structures are not merely underperforming, but structurally mismatched to the operational demands placed upon the district; and

WHEREAS, when operational failures deprive students of reliable transportation and

instructional access while fiscal mismanagement threatens the solvency of the state's largest school district, such failures cannot reasonably be attributed to isolated errors but instead reflect structural deficiencies in governance, executive authority, and accountability that demand corrective action; and

WHEREAS, Section 183 of the Kentucky Constitution imposes upon the General Assembly an affirmative duty to provide for an efficient system of common schools throughout the Commonwealth, and that duty necessarily includes ensuring that governance structures are capable of delivering educational services effectively at the scale at which they are required to operate; and

WHEREAS, efficiency within the meaning of Section 183 encompasses not only academic outcomes, but also fiscal stewardship, student safety, transportation reliability, workforce management, and the capacity for timely executive decision-making; and

WHEREAS, in districts operating at significant scale and complexity, effective governance requires a clear separation between strategic oversight and operational execution, such that boards of education are focused on policy, long-term planning, fiscal oversight, and performance accountability; and

WHEREAS, vesting day-to-day operational authority in a single chief executive officer, subject to defined performance metrics and board oversight, promotes clarity of responsibility, accelerates decision-making, and strengthens accountability for results; and

WHEREAS, this governance structure aligns with best practices used to manage large public institutions and is reasonably tailored to address the unique challenges presented by districts of this size, while preserving local control and democratic accountability; and

WHEREAS, the distinctive characteristics of JCPS, when considered in combination, provide a rational, substantial, and constitutionally sufficient basis for differentiated governance treatment, and such treatment is reasonably related to the General Assembly's duty to ensure an

efficient system of common schools; and

WHEREAS, JCPS is supported in substantial part by state education dollars contributed by taxpayers throughout the Commonwealth, and the scale of this investment creates a legitimate and compelling statewide interest in ensuring that the district is governed and managed in a manner that maximizes educational outcomes, protects public funds, and fulfills constitutional obligations to all Kentucky students; and

WHEREAS, school districts meeting defined objective criteria of certain scale, operational complexity, and statewide impact may be subject to alternative governance structures; and

WHEREAS, such governance structures are reasonably and naturally related to the distinctive challenges faced by these districts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of subsection (2) of Section 1 of this Act is to improve student outcomes, safeguard student wellbeing, ensure public safety, restore public confidence, and strengthen fiscal stewardship through enhanced executive accountability and strategic board oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. KRS 160.370 is repealed, reenacted, and amended to read as follows:

- (1) The superintendent shall be the executive agent of the board that appoints him or her and shall meet with the board, except when his or her own tenure, salary, or the administration of his or her office is under consideration. As executive officer of the board, the superintendent shall see that the laws relating to the schools, the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education, and the regulations and policies of the district board of education are carried into effect. He or she may administer the oath required by the board of education to any teacher or other person. He or she shall be the professional adviser of the board in all matters. He or she shall prepare, under the direction

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of the board, all rules, regulations, bylaws, and statements of policy for approval and adoption by the board. He or she shall have general supervision, subject to the control of the board of education, of the general conduct of the schools, the course of instruction, the discipline of pupils, and the management of business affairs. He or she shall be responsible for the hiring and dismissal of all personnel in the district.

(2) For a county school district in a county with a consolidated local government adopted under KRS Chapter 67C **or having five hundred thousand (500,000) or more inhabitants:**

(a) A local board of education shall:

1. Delegate authority to the superintendent over the district's day-to-day operations and implementation of the board-approved strategic plan **and budget** in a manner that promotes the efficient, timely operation of the district, including but not limited to the authority over contracts related to daily operations of the district, pupil transportation, personnel matters, and the organizational structure of administrative staff;
2. ~~Except as expressly required by statute, including subparagraphs 3. and 5. of this paragraph, not meet more than once every four (4) weeks for the purpose of approving necessary administrative matters;~~
3. ~~By December 1 each year, approve a rolling **five (5)**~~three (3)~~ year strategic plan for the district that outlines student **outcome**~~achievement~~ goals, faculty and staff improvement goals, facility and infrastructure improvement, and other key objectives that the superintendent and board believe are in the best interest of student outcomes and the community;~~
3. **Review and approve a rolling three (3) year projection of expenses and revenues;**
4. Approve an annual budget for the district, which shall include any budgetary

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decisions relevant to the district's ability to obtain necessary revenue, including tax revenue, in accordance with the requirements of state law and regulation;

5. By **December**~~November~~ 1 each year, oversee:
 - a. An annual audit of the financial dealings of the district and the reporting of key financial performance data in order to ensure fair and accurate reporting to the board; and
 - b. An annual review of student performance in the district and the reporting of key student performance data to ensure compliance with state and federal law and accurate reporting to the board;
 6. Recruit and hire the superintendent and negotiate the terms of employment and compensation of a prospective superintendent;
 7. Complete an annual review of the superintendent's performance with regard to the duties assigned in subsection (1) of this section and paragraph (b) of this subsection; and
 8. Be responsible for the dismissal of the superintendent;
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in subsection (1) of this section, the superintendent shall:
1. Provide a quarterly, informational report to the board on the administrative actions taken by the superintendent to carry out the district's daily operations and implementation of the strategic plan as well as a budget to actual financial update;
 2. Prepare all rules, regulations, bylaws, and statements of policy for approval and adoption by the board, with approval not to be withheld without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board to deny approval or adoption;
 3. Supervise the general conduct of the schools, the course of instruction, the

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discipline of pupils, the employment matters of all employees and contractors, and the management of business affairs of the district;

4. Be responsible for the hiring, employment terms, dismissal, and organizational structure of all personnel in the district in compliance with all laws and in a manner that best serves the students of the district; and
 5. Notwithstanding any law that assigns an administrative duty, responsibility, or authority to a board of education, or other law to the contrary, be responsible for any administrative duty not explicitly granted to the board under paragraph (a) of this subsection;~~and~~
- (c) If the school district~~county~~ adopts the provisions of the Kentucky Model Procurement Code, the board shall authorize the superintendent to approve purchases, in accordance with small purchase procedures adopted by the board, for any contract for which a determination is made that the aggregate amount of the contract does not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000);~~and~~
- (d) The board shall authorize the superintendent to approve a line-item transfer within its annual budget as she or he deems necessary, provided that the aggregate amount of all transfers do~~any individual transfer does~~ not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per quarter. The superintendent shall provide a quarterly report to the board on any purchases made under this subsection; and
- (e) Any purchase or transfer completed pursuant to paragraph (c) or (d) of this subsection shall be within the approved budget of the district, aligned to the strategic plan of the district, and reported to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

➔Section 2. KRS 160.160 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this section and Sections 4, 5, and 11 of this Act, "large school district"

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means a school district that has more than three hundred thousand (300,000) inhabitants.

(2) Each school district shall be under the management and control of a board of education consisting of five (5) members~~[, except in counties containing a city of the first class wherein a merger pursuant to KRS 160.041 shall have been accomplished which shall have seven (7) members elected from the divisions and in the manner prescribed by KRS 160.210(5),]~~ to be known as the "Board of Education of ..., Kentucky." Each board of education shall be a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession. It may sue and be sued; make contracts; expend funds necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action brought against an individual board member in his or her official or individual capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of his or her performance of legal duties as a board member; purchase, receive, hold, and sell property; issue its bonds to build and construct improvements; and do all things necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it is created. Each board of education shall elect a chair~~[chairman]~~ and vice chair~~[chairman]~~ from its membership in a manner and for a term prescribed by the board not to exceed two (2) years.

(3)~~(2)~~ No board of education shall participate in any financing of school buildings, school improvements, appurtenances thereto, or furnishing and equipment, including education technology equipment without:

- (a) First establishing the cost of the project in advance of financing, based on the receipt of advertised, public, and competitive bids for such project, in accordance with KRS Chapter 424; and
- (b) Establishing the cost of financing in advance of the sale of any bonds, certificates of participation in any leases, or other evidences of financial commitments issued by or on behalf of such board. Any bonds, leases, participations, or other financial

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arrangements shall not involve a final commitment of the board until the purchaser or lender involved shall have been determined by public advertising in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.

~~(4)(3)~~ No board of education shall make a mortgage, lien, or other encumbrance upon any school building owned by the board, or transfer title to any such school building as part of any financing arrangement, without the specific approval of the Department of Education, and without the transaction being entered into pursuant to a detailed plan or procedure specifically authorized by Kentucky statute.

~~(5)(4)~~ Without the approval of the Department of Education, no board may lease, as lessee, a building or public facility that has been or is to be financed at the request of the board or on its behalf through the issuance of bonds by another public body or by a nonprofit corporation serving as an agency and instrumentality of the board, or by a leasing corporation. Any lease, participation, or other financial arrangement shall not involve a final commitment of the board unless and until the purchaser or lender involved in same shall have been determined by public advertising in accordance with KRS Chapter 424. No transaction shall be entered into by the board except upon the basis of public advertising and competitive bidding in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.

~~(6)(5)~~ A school district may issue general obligation bonds in accordance with KRS Chapter 66.

~~(7)(6)~~ Rental payments due by a board under a lease approved by the Department of Education in accordance with subsection ~~(5)(4)~~ of this section, and debt service payments under a general obligation bond issued in accordance with this section, shall be due and payable not less than ten (10) days prior to the interest due date for the bonds, notes, or other debt obligations issued to finance the building or public facility. If a board fails to make a rental payment when due under a lease or a debt service payment when due for a

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general obligation bond issue, upon notification to the Department of Education by the paying agent, bond registrar, or trustee for the bonds not less than three (3) days prior to the interest due date, the Department of Education shall withhold or intercept any funds then due the board to the extent of the amount of the required payment on the bonds and remit the amount to the paying agent, bond registrar, or trustee as appropriate. Thereafter, the Department of Education shall resolve the matter with the board and adjust remittances to the board to the extent of the amount paid by the Department of Education on the board's behalf.

~~(8)(7)~~ Bonds, notes, or leases negotiated to provide education technology shall not be sold for longer than seven (7) years or the useful life of the equipment as established by the state technology master plan, whichever is less.

~~(9)(8)~~ Notwithstanding any requirements of public advertising, competitive bidding, or approval by the Department of Education, or any administrative regulation promulgated pursuant to KRS 156.160(1)(o), a local board may authorize the transfer or sale of the district's real or personal property to another governmental or quasi-governmental agency in exchange for money or a similar type of property that equals or exceeds the fair market value of the district property as determined by an independent appraisal conducted by:

- (a) An individual or organization not affiliated with the district or its officers or employees, using a generally accepted national or professional standard; or
- (b) A district's officers or employees using a nationally published valuation of property based on the most recent edition of the publication.

➔Section 3. KRS 160.200 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) All elections for members of boards of education shall be in even numbered years, for a term of four (4) years~~[, except as provided in KRS 160.210(5)]~~. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the elections shall be held at the regular November election.

- (2) In each even numbered year, there shall be held an election in every county and independent district to fill the membership of the boards of education for the terms that will expire on the first Monday in January following, and the regularly elected members shall hold office for four (4) years and until their successors are elected and have qualified.
- (3) Any independent school district embracing a designated city may, at the discretion of its board of education, hold its election of board members at its public school building on the first Saturday in May. The election shall be held by three (3) officers appointed by the board of education and the expenses of the election shall be paid from the treasury of the school district. In all other respects the provisions of this chapter relating to holding elections for board members shall apply.
- (4) ~~In counties containing a city of the first class, wherein a merger pursuant to KRS 160.041 shall have been accomplished, the terms of the members shall be as provided in KRS 160.210(5). Elected members of such boards, excepting those boards of education representing ten percent (10%) or less of the student population of the county serving at the effective date of such a merger shall continue to serve until their term expires, but no appointments shall be made to fill vacancies. The terms of office of members of boards of education representing ten percent (10%) or less of the student population of the county shall expire on the effective date of the merger.~~
- (5) ~~As used in this section, "designated city" means a city classified as a city of the fifth class as of January 1, 2014, under the city classification system in effect prior to January 1, 2015. The Department of Education shall, on or before January 1, 2015, create an official registry listing the cities that qualify as a "designated city" under this section and shall publish that registry on its website[Web site].~~
- ➔Section 4. KRS 160.180 is amended to read as follows:
- (1) As used in this section, "relative" means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son,

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and daughter.

(2) A person shall only be eligible for membership on a board of education if the person:

- (a) Has attained the age of twenty-four (24) years;
- (b) Has been a citizen of Kentucky for at least three (3) years preceding the election and is a voter of the district for which he or she is elected;
- (c) Has completed at least the twelfth grade or has been issued a High School Equivalency Diploma, as evidenced by:
 1. An affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of the twelfth grade or the equivalent that has been filed with the nominating petition required by KRS 118.315; or
 2. A transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or the results of a twelfth grade equivalency examination that has been filed with the nominating petition required by KRS 118.315;
- (d) Does not hold any elective federal, state, county, or city office;
- (e) Is not, at the time of his or her election, directly or indirectly interested in the sale to the board of books, stationery, or any other property, materials, supplies, equipment, or services for which school funds are expended;
- (f) Has not been removed from membership on a board of education for cause; ~~and~~
- (g) Does not have a relative employed by the school district, in the case of a person elected after July 13, 1990. This shall not apply to a board member holding office on July 13, 1990, whose relative was not initially hired by the district during the tenure of the board member; and
- (h) For boards of education of large school districts, is not an employee of a board of education in the Commonwealth whose position requires work on more than one hundred (100) days per year.**

- (3) (a) A member of a board of education shall be subject to removal from office pursuant to KRS 415.050 and 415.060 if, after the election the member:
1. Becomes interested in any contract with or claims against the board, of the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(e) of this section;
 2. Moves his or her residence from the division for which he or she was chosen;
 3. Attempts to influence the employment of any school employee, except the superintendent or school board attorney;
 4. Is convicted of a felony;
 5. Performs acts of malfeasance in performance of duties prescribed by law;
 6. Willfully misuses, converts, or misappropriates public property or funds; or
 7. Does anything that would render the member ineligible for reelection.
- (b) In accordance with KRS 7.410, the Office of Education Accountability shall have the duty and responsibility to investigate current local board of education members for allegations of conduct prohibited by paragraph (a) of this subsection. After review and investigation, the Office of Education Accountability shall refer appropriate matters to the Attorney General.
- (4) A member of a board of education shall be eligible for reelection unless he or she becomes disqualified.
- (5) The annual in-service training requirements for all members of boards of education in office as of December 31, 2014, shall be as follows:
- (a) Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to three (3) years of experience;
 - (b) Eight (8) hours for members with four (4) to seven (7) years of experience; and
 - (c) Four (4) hours for members with eight (8) or more years of experience.
- The Kentucky Board of Education shall identify the criteria for fulfilling this requirement.
- (6) (a) For all members of boards of education who begin their initial service on or after

January 1, 2015, the in-service training requirements shall be:

1. Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to eight (8) years of experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:
 - a. One (1) hour of ethics training each year; and
 - b. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training within the first twelve (12) months of initial service and at least once every four (4) years thereafter; and
 2. Eight (8) hours for members with more than eight (8) years of experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:
 - a. One (1) hour of ethics training each year; and
 - b. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training at least once every four (4) years.
- (b) Training topics for members under this subsection with less than two (2) years of consecutive service shall include three (3) hours of finance and one (1) hour of superintendent evaluation within the first two (2) years of service. The Kentucky Board of Education shall identify criteria for fulfilling this requirement.

➔Section 5. KRS 160.210 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) In independent school districts, the members of the school board shall be elected from the district at large. In county school districts, members shall be elected from divisions.
- (2) The board of education of each county school district shall~~[, not later than July 1, 1940,]~~ divide its district into five (5) divisions containing integral voting precincts and as equal in population insofar as is practicable. In~~[first]~~ dividing the county district into divisions the board shall, if more than one (1) of its members reside in one (1) division, determine by lot which member from that division shall represent that division, and which members shall represent the divisions in which no member resides. The members so determined to

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represent divisions in which no member resides shall be considered the members from those divisions until their terms expire, and thereafter the members from those divisions shall be nominated and elected as provided in KRS 160.200 and 160.220 to 160.250.

- (3) Any changes made in division boundary lines shall be to make divisions as equal in population and containing integral voting precincts insofar as is practical. No change may be made in division boundary lines less than five (5) years after the last change in any division lines, except in case of merger of districts, a change in territory due to annexation, or to allow compliance with KRS 117.055(2).
- (4)
 - (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, if one hundred (100) residents of a county school district division petition the Kentucky Board of Education stating that the school district divisions are not divided as nearly equal in population as can reasonably be expected, the chief state school officer shall cause an investigation to determine the validity of the petition, the investigation to be completed within thirty (30) days after receipt of the petition.
 - (b) If the investigation reveals the school district to be unequally divided according to population, the Kentucky Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the chief state school officer, shall order the local board of education to make changes in school district divisions as are necessary to equalize population within the five (5) school divisions.
 - (c) If any board fails to comply with the order of the Kentucky Board of Education within thirty (30) days or prior to August 1 in any year in which any members of the board are to be elected, members shall be elected from the district at large until the order of the Kentucky Board of Education has been complied with.
 - (d) No change shall be made in the boundary of any division under the provisions of this subsection after August 1 in the year in which a member of the school board is to be

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elected from any division.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this section:~~[-]~~

(a) In large school districts~~[counties containing a city of the first class wherein a merger pursuant to KRS 160.041 shall have been accomplished]~~, there shall be five (5)~~[Seven (7)]~~ divisions as equal in population as is practicable, with members elected from divisions. To be eligible to be elected from a division, a candidate shall~~[must]~~ reside in that division. The county school district divisions~~[- based upon 1970 United States Census Bureau Reports on total population by census tracts]~~ for Jefferson County, Kentucky, shall be as provided in Section 6 of this Act~~[follows: Division One shall include census tracts 1-28; Division Two shall include census tracts 29-35, 47-53, 57-74, 80-84, 93, 129, 130; Division Three shall include census tracts 75-79, 85-88, 98-106, 107.01, 108; Division Four shall include census tracts 121.01, 123-128; Division Five shall include census tracts 36-46, 56, 90, 120, 121.02, 122; Division Six shall include census tracts 54, 55, 91, 92, 94, 95, 110.02, 113, 114, 117.01, 117.02, 118, 119; Division Seven shall include census tracts 89, 96, 97, 107.02, 109, 110.01, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117.03, 131, 132.]~~; and

(b) The terms of the members~~[to be elected]~~, KRS 160.044 notwithstanding, shall be four (4) years~~[and the election for the initial four (4) year terms shall be as follows: The election of the members from Divisions Two, Four and Seven shall be held at the next regular November election following the effective date of the merger pursuant to KRS 160.041, and the election of the members from Divisions One, Three, Five and Six shall be held at the regular November election two (2) years thereafter]~~.

(6) ~~[In counties containing cities of the first class,]~~Responsibility for the establishment and~~[or]~~ the changing of school board division boundaries of large school districts shall be with the county~~[local]~~ board of education, subject to the review and approval of the county

board of elections. Where division and census tract boundaries do not coincide with existing election precinct boundaries, school board divisions shall be redrawn to comply with precinct boundaries. In no instance shall precinct boundaries be redrawn nor shall a precinct be divided to accommodate the drawing of school board division lines. ~~[Precinct boundaries nearest existing school board division boundaries shall become the new division boundary.]~~ All changes under this section~~[statute]~~ shall be completed on or before ~~[January 1, 1979, and on or before]~~ January 1 in any ~~[succeeding]~~ year in which a member of the ~~[school]~~ board is to be elected from any division. A record of all changes in division lines shall be kept in the offices of the county board of education and the county board of elections. The board of education shall publish all changes pursuant to KRS Chapter 424. A copy of the newspaper in which the notice is published shall be filed with the chief state school officer within ten (10) days following its publication.

➔ SECTION 6. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The divisions for the Jefferson County Board of Education shall be based upon the sources identified in KRS 5.010, and composed of the following territory in Jefferson County that is part of the Jefferson County School District:

(a) Division One shall consist of the following territory:

A105 - Precinct 105 28 District

A107 - Precinct 107 28 District

A108 - Precinct 108 28 District

A111 - Precinct 111 28 District

A113 - Precinct 113 28 District

A114 - Precinct 114 28 District

A115 - Precinct 115 28 District

A118 - Precinct 118 28 District

A119 - Precinct 119 28 District

A121 - Precinct 121 28 District

A123 - Precinct 123 28 District

A124 - Precinct 124 28 District

A125 - Precinct 125 28 District

A126 - Precinct 126 28 District

A127 - Precinct 127 28 District

A128 - Precinct 128 28 District

A129 - Precinct 129 28 District

A130 - Precinct 130 28 District

A131 - Precinct 131 28 District

A134 - Precinct 134 28 District

A135 - Precinct 135 28 District

A136 - Precinct 136 28 District

A139 - Precinct 139 28 District

A140 - Precinct 140 28 District

A142 - Precinct 142 28 District

A143 - Precinct 143 28 District

B124 - Precinct 124 29 District

B133 - Precinct 133 29 District

B134 - Precinct 134 29 District

B149 - Precinct 149 29 District

B154 - Precinct 154 29 District

B156 - Precinct 156 29 District

B157 - Precinct 157 29 District

B160 - Precinct 160 29 District

B162 - Precinct 162 29 District

B163 - Precinct 163 29 District

B166 - Precinct 166 29 District

B168 - Precinct 168 29 District

B169 - Precinct 169 29 District

B173 - Precinct 173 29 District

B175 - Precinct 175 29 District

B177 - Precinct 177 29 District

B184 - Precinct 184 29 District

H138 - Precinct 138 35 District

H144 - Precinct 144 35 District

H145 - Precinct 145 35 District

H147 - Precinct 147 35 District

H148 - Precinct 148 35 District

H156 - Precinct 156 35 District

H159 - Precinct 159 35 District

H160 - Precinct 160 35 District

H162 - Precinct 162 35 District

I124 - Precinct 124 37 District

I125 - Precinct 125 37 District

I126 - Precinct 126 37 District

I130 - Precinct 130 37 District

I133 - Precinct 133 37 District

I135 - Precinct 135 37 District

I138 - Precinct 138 37 District

I141 - Precinct 141 37 District

I142 - Precinct 142 37 District

I143 - Precinct 143 37 District

I144 - Precinct 144 37 District

I145 - Precinct 145 37 District

I146 - Precinct 146 37 District

I147 - Precinct 147 37 District

I148 - Precinct 148 37 District

I149 - Precinct 149 37 District

I150 - Precinct 150 37 District

I151 - Precinct 151 37 District

I152 - Precinct 152 37 District

I153 - Precinct 153 37 District

I154 - Precinct 154 37 District

I155 - Precinct 155 37 District

I156 - Precinct 156 37 District

J122 - Precinct 122 38 District

J123 - Precinct 123 38 District

J135 - Precinct 135 38 District

J137 - Precinct 137 38 District

J138 - Precinct 138 38 District

J141 - Precinct 141 38 District

J142 - Precinct 142 38 District

J143 - Precinct 143 38 District

J144 - Precinct 144 38 District

J145 - Precinct 145 38 District

J152 - Precinct 152 38 District

J153 - Precinct 153 38 District

J155 - Precinct 155 38 District

O133 - Precinct 133 44 District

O134 - Precinct 134 44 District

O135 - Precinct 135 44 District

O141 - Precinct 141 44 District

O142 - Precinct 142 44 District

O143 - Precinct 143 44 District

O109 - Precinct 109 46 District

O112 - Precinct 112 46 District

O113 - Precinct 113 46 District

O114 - Precinct 114 46 District

O115 - Precinct 115 46 District

O116 - Precinct 116 46 District

O117 - Precinct 117 46 District

O119 - Precinct 119 46 District

O125 - Precinct 125 46 District

O126 - Precinct 126 46 District

O131 - Precinct 131 46 District

O132 - Precinct 132 46 District

O139 - Precinct 139 46 District

(b) Division Two shall consist of the following territory:

B153 - Precinct 153 29 District

B158 - Precinct 158 29 District

B159 - Precinct 159 29 District

B161 - Precinct 161 29 District

B172 - Precinct 172 29 District

B183 - Precinct 183 29 District

E145 - Precinct 145 32 District

E148 - Precinct 148 32 District

E152 - Precinct 152 32 District

E160 - Precinct 160 32 District

E181 - Precinct 181 32 District

E182 - Precinct 182 32 District

E184 - Precinct 184 32 District

F106 - Precinct 106 33 District

F145 - Precinct 145 33 District

F151 - Precinct 151 33 District

F152 - Precinct 152 33 District

F153 - Precinct 153 33 District

F154 - Precinct 154 33 District

F155 - Precinct 155 33 District

F156 - Precinct 156 33 District

F158 - Precinct 158 33 District

F161 - Precinct 161 33 District

F163 - Precinct 163 33 District

F164 - Precinct 164 33 District

F166 - Precinct 166 33 District

F167 - Precinct 167 33 District

F169 - Precinct 169 33 District

F170 - Precinct 170 33 District

F171 - Precinct 171 33 District

F172 - Precinct 172 33 District

F176 - Precinct 176 33 District

F179 - Precinct 179 33 District

F180 - Precinct 180 33 District

F181 - Precinct 181 33 District

F182 - Precinct 182 33 District

F183 - Precinct 183 33 District

F184 - Precinct 184 33 District

F185 - Precinct 185 33 District

F186 - Precinct 186 33 District

F187 - Precinct 187 33 District

L118 - Precinct 118 41 District

N126 - Precinct 126 43 District

N130 - Precinct 130 43 District

N131 - Precinct 131 43 District

N141 - Precinct 141 43 District

S116 - Precinct 116 48 District

S118 - Precinct 118 48 District

S119 - Precinct 119 48 District

S125 - Precinct 125 48 District

S126 - Precinct 126 48 District

S128 - Precinct 128 48 District

S129 - Precinct 129 48 District

S130 - Precinct 130 48 District

S131 - Precinct 131 48 District

S132 - Precinct 132 48 District

S135 - Precinct 135 48 District

S139 - Precinct 139 48 District

S140 - Precinct 140 48 District

S141 - Precinct 141 48 District

S142 - Precinct 142 48 District

S143 - Precinct 143 48 District

S144 - Precinct 144 48 District

S146 - Precinct 146 48 District

S150 - Precinct 150 48 District

S152 - Precinct 152 48 District

S153 - Precinct 153 48 District

S156 - Precinct 156 48 District

S160 - Precinct 160 48 District

S161 - Precinct 161 48 District

S164 - Precinct 164 48 District

S165 - Precinct 165 48 District

S166 - Precinct 166 48 District

S167 - Precinct 167 48 District

S168 - Precinct 168 48 District

V102 - Precinct 102 36 District

V103 - Precinct 103 36 District

V104 - Precinct 104 36 District

V105 - Precinct 105 36 District

V107 - Precinct 107 36 District

V108 - Precinct 108 36 District

V109 - Precinct 109 36 District

V110 - Precinct 110 36 District

V111 - Precinct 111 36 District

V112 - Precinct 112 36 District

V113 - Precinct 113 36 District

V114 - Precinct 114 36 District

V116 - Precinct 116 36 District

V117 - Precinct 117 36 District

V118 - Precinct 118 36 District

V119 - Precinct 119 36 District

V120 - Precinct 120 36 District

V121 - Precinct 121 36 District

V122 - Precinct 122 36 District

V123 - Precinct 123 36 District

V124 - Precinct 124 36 District

V125 - Precinct 125 36 District

V126 - Precinct 126 36 District

V127 - Precinct 127 36 District

V128 - Precinct 128 36 District

V129 - Precinct 129 36 District

V130 - Precinct 130 36 District

V131 - Precinct 131 36 District

V132 - Precinct 132 36 District

(c) Division Three shall consist of the following territory:

C101 - Precinct 101 30 District

C102 - Precinct 102 30 District

C103 - Precinct 103 30 District

C104 - Precinct 104 30 District

C105 - Precinct 105 30 District

C106 - Precinct 106 30 District

C108 - Precinct 108 30 District

C109 - Precinct 109 30 District

C110 - Precinct 110 30 District

C111 - Precinct 111 30 District

C113 - Precinct 113 30 District

C125 - Precinct 125 30 District

C126 - Precinct 126 30 District

C143 - Precinct 143 30 District

G103 - Precinct 103 34 District

G104 - Precinct 104 34 District

G106 - Precinct 106 34 District

G107 - Precinct 107 34 District

G108 - Precinct 108 34 District

G109 - Precinct 109 34 District

G111 - Precinct 111 34 District

G112 - Precinct 112 34 District

G116 - Precinct 116 34 District

G117 - Precinct 117 34 District

G119 - Precinct 119 34 District

G120 - Precinct 120 34 District

G121 - Precinct 121 34 District

G122 - Precinct 122 34 District

G123 - Precinct 123 34 District

G124 - Precinct 124 34 District

G143 - Precinct 143 34 District

H102 - Precinct 102 35 District

H103 - Precinct 103 35 District

H105 - Precinct 105 35 District

H106 - Precinct 106 35 District

H109 - Precinct 109 35 District

H110 - Precinct 110 35 District

H111 - Precinct 111 35 District

H112 - Precinct 112 35 District

H113 - Precinct 113 35 District

H114 - Precinct 114 35 District

H115 - Precinct 115 35 District

H116 - Precinct 116 35 District

H117 - Precinct 117 35 District

H118 - Precinct 118 35 District

H120 - Precinct 120 35 District

H121 - Precinct 121 35 District

H123 - Precinct 123 35 District

H124 - Precinct 124 35 District

H125 - Precinct 125 35 District

H126 - Precinct 126 35 District

H127 - Precinct 127 35 District

H130 - Precinct 130 35 District

H131 - Precinct 131 35 District

H132 - Precinct 132 35 District

H133 - Precinct 133 35 District

H141 - Precinct 141 35 District

H146 - Precinct 146 35 District

H150 - Precinct 150 35 District

H151 - Precinct 151 35 District

H152 - Precinct 152 35 District

H153 - Precinct 153 35 District

H154 - Precinct 154 35 District

H155 - Precinct 155 35 District

H157 - Precinct 157 35 District

H158 - Precinct 158 35 District

H161 - Precinct 161 35 District

I109 - Precinct 109 37 District

I112 - Precinct 112 37 District

I115 - Precinct 115 37 District

I120 - Precinct 120 37 District

I122 - Precinct 122 37 District

I123 - Precinct 123 37 District

J108 - Precinct 108 38 District

J111 - Precinct 111 38 District

J113 - Precinct 113 38 District

J114 - Precinct 114 38 District

J117 - Precinct 117 38 District

J119 - Precinct 119 38 District

J120 - Precinct 120 38 District

J140 - Precinct 140 38 District

J148 - Precinct 148 38 District

J149 - Precinct 149 38 District

J150 - Precinct 150 38 District

J151 - Precinct 151 38 District

K105 - Precinct 105 40 District

K129 - Precinct 129 40 District

K133 - Precinct 133 40 District

K134 - Precinct 134 40 District

K135 - Precinct 135 40 District

K141 - Precinct 141 40 District

K149 - Precinct 149 40 District

L110 - Precinct 110 41 District

L111 - Precinct 111 41 District

L112 - Precinct 112 41 District

L113 - Precinct 113 41 District

L115 - Precinct 115 41 District

L117 - Precinct 117 41 District

L143 - Precinct 143 41 District

L155 - Precinct 155 41 District

L163 - Precinct 163 41 District

L164 - Precinct 164 41 District

M123 - Precinct 123 42 District

M124 - Precinct 124 42 District

M131 - Precinct 131 42 District

M139 - Precinct 139 42 District

M140 - Precinct 140 42 District

M141 - Precinct 141 42 District

M142 - Precinct 142 42 District

M143 - Precinct 143 42 District

M144 - Precinct 144 42 District

M145 - Precinct 145 42 District

M146 - Precinct 146 42 District

M147 - Precinct 147 42 District

M150 - Precinct 150 42 District

M159 - Precinct 159 42 District

M160 - Precinct 160 42 District

M162 - Precinct 162 42 District

M163 - Precinct 163 42 District

M165 - Precinct 165 42 District

M168 - Precinct 168 42 District

M172 - Precinct 172 42 District

M174 - Precinct 174 42 District

M175 - Precinct 175 42 District

N134 - Precinct 134 43 District

N135 - Precinct 135 43 District

Q101 - Precinct 101 46 District

Q103 - Precinct 103 46 District

Q104 - Precinct 104 46 District

Q105 - Precinct 105 46 District

Q122 - Precinct 122 46 District

Q123 - Precinct 123 46 District

Q124 - Precinct 124 46 District

Q127 - Precinct 127 46 District

Q134 - Precinct 134 46 District

Q136 - Precinct 136 46 District

(d) Division Four shall consist of the following territory:

B132 - Precinct 132 29 District

B151 - Precinct 151 29 District

B155 - Precinct 155 29 District

B170 - Precinct 170 29 District

B181 - Precinct 181 29 District

B182 - Precinct 182 29 District

B185 - Precinct 185 29 District

C115 - Precinct 115 30 District

C122 - Precinct 122 30 District

C123 - Precinct 123 30 District

C124 - Precinct 124 30 District

C128 - Precinct 128 30 District

C129 - Precinct 129 30 District

C130 - Precinct 130 30 District

C131 - Precinct 131 30 District

C133 - Precinct 133 30 District

C134 - Precinct 134 30 District

C135 - Precinct 135 30 District

C136 - Precinct 136 30 District

C137 - Precinct 137 30 District

C138 - Precinct 138 30 District

C139 - Precinct 139 30 District

C141 - Precinct 141 30 District

C142 - Precinct 142 30 District

C144 - Precinct 144 30 District

C145 - Precinct 145 30 District

C146 - Precinct 146 30 District

C147 - Precinct 147 30 District

C148 - Precinct 148 30 District

C149 - Precinct 149 30 District

C150 - Precinct 150 30 District

C151 - Precinct 151 30 District

D101 - Precinct 101 31 District

D104 - Precinct 104 31 District

D106 - Precinct 106 31 District

D108 - Precinct 108 31 District

D109 - Precinct 109 31 District

D110 - Precinct 110 31 District

D113 - Precinct 113 31 District

D114 - Precinct 114 31 District

D115 - Precinct 115 31 District

D116 - Precinct 116 31 District

D117 - Precinct 117 31 District

D120 - Precinct 120 31 District

D121 - Precinct 121 31 District

D122 - Precinct 122 31 District

D126 - Precinct 126 31 District

D129 - Precinct 129 31 District

D130 - Precinct 130 31 District

D131 - Precinct 131 31 District

D132 - Precinct 132 31 District

D135 - Precinct 135 31 District

D136 - Precinct 136 31 District

D137 - Precinct 137 31 District

D138 - Precinct 138 31 District

D139 - Precinct 139 31 District

D140 - Precinct 140 31 District

D141 - Precinct 141 31 District

D142 - Precinct 142 31 District

D144 - Precinct 144 31 District

D145 - Precinct 145 31 District

E139 - Precinct 139 32 District

E141 - Precinct 141 32 District

E142 - Precinct 142 32 District

E143 - Precinct 143 32 District

E144 - Precinct 144 32 District

E154 - Precinct 154 32 District

E155 - Precinct 155 32 District

E157 - Precinct 157 32 District

E158 - Precinct 158 32 District

E159 - Precinct 159 32 District

E161 - Precinct 161 32 District

E162 - Precinct 162 32 District

E163 - Precinct 163 32 District

E164 - Precinct 164 32 District

E165 - Precinct 165 32 District

E166 - Precinct 166 32 District

E167 - Precinct 167 32 District

E168 - Precinct 168 32 District

E169 - Precinct 169 32 District

E171 - Precinct 171 32 District

E173 - Precinct 173 32 District

E175 - Precinct 175 32 District

E176 - Precinct 176 32 District

E177 - Precinct 177 32 District

E178 - Precinct 178 32 District

E179 - Precinct 179 32 District

E180 - Precinct 180 32 District

E183 - Precinct 183 32 District

E185 - Precinct 185 32 District

G126 - Precinct 126 34 District

G129 - Precinct 129 34 District

G140 - Precinct 140 34 District

G141 - Precinct 141 34 District

G142 - Precinct 142 34 District

G144 - Precinct 144 34 District

G145 - Precinct 145 34 District

G146 - Precinct 146 34 District

G147 - Precinct 147 34 District

G148 - Precinct 148 34 District

G149 - Precinct 149 34 District

G150 - Precinct 150 34 District

G151 - Precinct 151 34 District

G154 - Precinct 154 34 District

G155 - Precinct 155 34 District

G156 - Precinct 156 34 District

G157 - Precinct 157 34 District

G158 - Precinct 158 34 District

G159 - Precinct 159 34 District

G160 - Precinct 160 34 District

G161 - Precinct 161 34 District

G162 - Precinct 162 34 District

G163 - Precinct 163 34 District

G164 - Precinct 164 34 District

G165 - Precinct 165 34 District

G166 - Precinct 166 34 District

G167 - Precinct 167 34 District

G168 - Precinct 168 34 District

G169 - Precinct 169 34 District

L119 - Precinct 119 41 District

L134 - Precinct 134 41 District

L135 - Precinct 135 41 District

L136 - Precinct 136 41 District

L138 - Precinct 138 41 District

L139 - Precinct 139 41 District

L146 - Precinct 146 41 District

L151 - Precinct 151 41 District

L152 - Precinct 152 41 District

L153 - Precinct 153 41 District

M137 - Precinct 137 42 District

M138 - Precinct 138 42 District

M164 - Precinct 164 42 District

N125 - Precinct 125 43 District

N142 - Precinct 142 43 District

N143 - Precinct 143 43 District

N144 - Precinct 144 43 District

N146 - Precinct 146 43 District

Q107 - Precinct 107 46 District

Q137 - Precinct 137 46 District

Q138 - Precinct 138 46 District

V101 - Precinct 101 36 District

V106 - Precinct 106 36 District

V115 - Precinct 115 36 District

(e) Division Five shall consist of the following territory:

A141 - Precinct 141 28 District

I107 - Precinct 107 37 District

I110 - Precinct 110 37 District

I111 - Precinct 111 37 District

I140 - Precinct 140 37 District

J101 - Precinct 101 38 District

J104 - Precinct 104 38 District

J105 - Precinct 105 38 District

J107 - Precinct 107 38 District

J130 - Precinct 130 38 District

J146 - Precinct 146 38 District

J147 - Precinct 147 38 District

J154 - Precinct 154 38 District

K104 - Precinct 104 40 District

K110 - Precinct 110 40 District

K111 - Precinct 111 40 District

K112 - Precinct 112 40 District

K113 - Precinct 113 40 District

K114 - Precinct 114 40 District

K116 - Precinct 116 40 District

K117 - Precinct 117 40 District

K118 - Precinct 118 40 District

K119 - Precinct 119 40 District

K122 - Precinct 122 40 District

K123 - Precinct 123 40 District

K125 - Precinct 125 40 District

K126 - Precinct 126 40 District

K127 - Precinct 127 40 District

K128 - Precinct 128 40 District

K130 - Precinct 130 40 District

K131 - Precinct 131 40 District

K132 - Precinct 132 40 District

K136 - Precinct 136 40 District

K137 - Precinct 137 40 District

K138 - Precinct 138 40 District

K139 - Precinct 139 40 District

K140 - Precinct 140 40 District

K142 - Precinct 142 40 District

K143 - Precinct 143 40 District

K144 - Precinct 144 40 District

K145 - Precinct 145 40 District

K146 - Precinct 146 40 District

K147 - Precinct 147 40 District

K148 - Precinct 148 40 District

K150 - Precinct 150 40 District

K151 - Precinct 151 40 District

L104 - Precinct 104 41 District

L108 - Precinct 108 41 District

L140 - Precinct 140 41 District

L141 - Precinct 141 41 District

L142 - Precinct 142 41 District

L144 - Precinct 144 41 District

L145 - Precinct 145 41 District

L147 - Precinct 147 41 District

L148 - Precinct 148 41 District

L149 - Precinct 149 41 District

L150 - Precinct 150 41 District

L154 - Precinct 154 41 District

L156 - Precinct 156 41 District

L157 - Precinct 157 41 District

L158 - Precinct 158 41 District

L159 - Precinct 159 41 District

L160 - Precinct 160 41 District

L161 - Precinct 161 41 District

L162 - Precinct 162 41 District

M102 - Precinct 102 42 District

M103 - Precinct 103 42 District

M104 - Precinct 104 42 District

M105 - Precinct 105 42 District

M107 - Precinct 107 42 District

M110 - Precinct 110 42 District

M121 - Precinct 121 42 District

M129 - Precinct 129 42 District

M130 - Precinct 130 42 District

M133 - Precinct 133 42 District

M148 - Precinct 148 42 District

M149 - Precinct 149 42 District

M166 - Precinct 166 42 District

M167 - Precinct 167 42 District

M169 - Precinct 169 42 District

M170 - Precinct 170 42 District

M171 - Precinct 171 42 District

M173 - Precinct 173 42 District

N101 - Precinct 101 43 District

N102 - Precinct 102 43 District

N103 - Precinct 103 43 District

N104 - Precinct 104 43 District

N105 - Precinct 105 43 District

N106 - Precinct 106 43 District

N107 - Precinct 107 43 District

N108 - Precinct 108 43 District

N109 - Precinct 109 43 District

N110 - Precinct 110 43 District

N111 - Precinct 111 43 District

N112 - Precinct 112 43 District

N113 - Precinct 113 43 District

N115 - Precinct 115 43 District

N117 - Precinct 117 43 District

N124 - Precinct 124 43 District

N127 - Precinct 127 43 District

N128 - Precinct 128 43 District

N136 - Precinct 136 43 District

N137 - Precinct 137 43 District

N138 - Precinct 138 43 District

N139 - Precinct 139 43 District

N145 - Precinct 145 43 District

N147 - Precinct 147 43 District

N148 - Precinct 148 43 District

N149 - Precinct 149 43 District

N150 - Precinct 150 43 District

O105 - Precinct 105 44 District

O107 - Precinct 107 44 District

O109 - Precinct 109 44 District

0111 - Precinct 111 44 District

0112 - Precinct 112 44 District

0113 - Precinct 113 44 District

0114 - Precinct 114 44 District

0115 - Precinct 115 44 District

0117 - Precinct 117 44 District

0119 - Precinct 119 44 District

0121 - Precinct 121 44 District

0123 - Precinct 123 44 District

0124 - Precinct 124 44 District

0126 - Precinct 126 44 District

0127 - Precinct 127 44 District

0128 - Precinct 128 44 District

0129 - Precinct 129 44 District

0130 - Precinct 130 44 District

0131 - Precinct 131 44 District

0136 - Precinct 136 44 District

0137 - Precinct 137 44 District

0138 - Precinct 138 44 District

0139 - Precinct 139 44 District

(2) Any precinct listed in this section that is redrawn, adjusted, or eliminated by local officials following the implementation of the 2022 state legislative redistricting plan, and the change is not reflected in this section, shall be modified by the county board of elections. All actions taken by the county board of elections under this subsection shall be to ensure that minimal changes are made that allow the divisions to fall within a five

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percent (5%) population deviation.

➔Section 7. KRS 160.042 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon a merger under the provisions of KRS 160.040 and 160.041 of an independent school district in a city of the first class with a county school district in counties containing a city of the first class, the members of the county board of education of the merged county school district, shall be elected pursuant to KRS 160.200 and 160.210.
- (2) Each member of the respective boards of education at the time of the merger of the districts, may continue to hold office until the expiration of his or her term of office, ~~[except as provided in KRS 160.200(4);]~~ but any vacancy occurring among such members for any reason shall not be filled.

➔Section 8. KRS 160.240 is amended to read as follows:

- ~~[(1)]~~ The general election laws shall apply to all elections of school board members~~[-~~
- ~~(2)~~ ~~In school districts embracing designated cities, the expense of the election shall be paid by the city from its general funds. In all other districts the expense shall be paid by the fiscal court out of its general funds.~~
- ~~(3)~~ ~~As used in this section, "designated city" has the same meaning as in KRS 160.020].~~

➔Section 9. KRS 304.48-250 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) If the assets of a liability self-insurance group are at any time insufficient to enable the group to discharge its legal liabilities, other obligations, and to maintain the required reserves under this subtitle, the group shall immediately levy an assessment upon its members for the amount necessary to make up the deficiency.
- (2) If there is a deficiency in any fund year, the deficiency shall be made up immediately, from the following:
 - (a) Surplus from a fund year other than the current fund year after prior notice of the transfer has been given to the commissioner;

- (b) Administrative funds;
 - (c) Assessment of membership; or
 - (d) Alternate methods as the commissioner may direct or approve.
- (3) If a liability self-insurance group fails to assess its members within thirty (30) days to make up a deficit, the commissioner shall order it to do so. This subsection shall not apply to liability self-insurance groups formed by governmental entities which do not have joint and several liability.
- (4) If a liability self-insurance group fails to make the required assessment of its members within thirty (30) days after the commissioner orders it to do so, or if the deficiency is not fully made up within sixty (60) days after the date on which the assessment is made, or within a longer period of time as may be permitted by the commissioner, the group shall be determined to be insolvent and may be placed in delinquency proceedings as an insurer pursuant to Subtitle 33 of this chapter.
- (5) (a) Governmental entities that:
- 1. Participate or have participated in a liability self-insurance group authorized by this subtitle; and
 - 2. Are assessed by the liability self-insurance group to cover an accrued deficit; may finance the payment of the assessment over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years.
- (b) Financing obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection may be accomplished by:
- 1. The issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations; or
 - 2. A lease, installment payment agreement, or other similar agreement.
- (c) If the governmental entity fails to make a scheduled payment on the financing obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, any payments due to that

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governmental entity shall be withheld or intercepted using the process established in KRS 160.160~~(Z)(6)~~.

- (6) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, all other provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes applying to any financing obtained by a governmental entity shall apply.

➔Section 10. KRS 304.50-055 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this section, "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" or "NRSRO" means a credit rating agency approved by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission to provide assessments of the creditworthiness of financial instruments.
- (2) A workers' compensation self-insured group shall establish plans for premium payment, determination and collection of assessments, and for declaration and payment of dividends or other disbursements, which shall be filed for prior approval with the commissioner. Any change in the plans for premium payment, assessments, or dividends shall be filed for prior approval with the commissioner. Approval of plans for assessments and dividends does not constitute approval of any particular assessment or dividend by the commissioner.
- (3) Prior to the inception of each group member's self-insurance year, the trustees shall collect from that member at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated premium for the ensuing year, except that in the case of a self-insured group formed by governmental entities twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated premium for the ensuing year shall be collected no later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of the self-insured group's self-insurance year. The balance of the estimated premium shall be collected in either quarterly or monthly installments as set forth in the enabling documents described in KRS 304.50-030(2)(b) or 304.50-060(2)(b). Each group member's payroll shall be audited annually and an adjustment to premium shall be made accordingly.
- (4) A disbursement from a workers' compensation self-insured group fund shall be for a purpose related to the self-insured group. A dividend shall not be approved or paid until at

least thirty-six (36) months after the expiration of the self-insurance year and shall be paid from surplus funds not required for payment of claims or other liabilities. The dividends shall be paid or credited to members according to the reasonable classifications the trustees may establish. A dividend shall not be paid which unfairly discriminates between members of the same classifications. A dividend plan shall specify whether past group members are eligible for the dividend. Payment of a dividend under a dividend plan shall not be made unless the self-insured group has notified the commissioner of its intent to make a dividend payment at least thirty (30) days prior to the payment, and the commissioner has not disapproved the payment within that time.

- (5) The formula to be used for collection of assessments shall be determined by the trustees and approved by the commissioner. Assessments shall be fair and equitable and shall not unfairly discriminate between members of the same classification.
- (6) A trustee, fiscal agent, or service organization shall not utilize an asset of the self-insured group for a purpose unrelated to workers' compensation. The trustees shall maintain cash or cash equivalent accounts as may be prudently necessary to pay expenses without having to liquidate long-term investments.
- (7) The trustees may invest funds in:
 - (a) United States Government bonds, United States Treasury notes, Treasury bills, or other direct obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or its agencies;
 - (b) Tax exempt and taxable obligations issued by any state or any of its agencies, counties, cities, municipalities, districts, political subdivisions, or other legal authorities within the United States of America with a minimum rating of "BBB" by any NRSRO, except that no less than fifty percent (50%) of the investments made under this paragraph shall be in obligations issued by the Commonwealth, its

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- agencies, or a county, city district, municipality, political subdivision, or other legal authority within the Commonwealth;
- (c) Investment share accounts in a savings and loan association in the Commonwealth whose deposits are insured by a federal agency;
 - (d) Certificates of deposit if issued by a duly chartered commercial bank;
 - (e)
 1. At the time of purchase, equity securities actively traded on the New York or NASDAQ Stock Exchanges or other registered national securities exchanges with no individual equity holding comprising greater than ten percent (10%) of the equity portion of the portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner.
 2. An investment in an individual equity holding shall not represent at the time of purchase more than five percent (5%) of the total market value of the security.
 3. At the time of purchase, investments in equity securities shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of the investment portfolio of the self-insured group reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner;
 - (f) Corporate bonds if:
 1. The bond is issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a solvent institution created or existing under the laws of the United States, or a state, province, district, or territory;
 2. At the time of purchase, the corporate bond investments do not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total market value of the investment portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner; and
 3. The bond has a minimum rating of "BBB" by any NRSRO;

- (g) At the time of purchase, mutual funds and exchange traded funds if the investments do not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of the investment portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner; and
- (h) Asset-backed securities if:
 - 1. The bond is issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a solvent institution created or existing under the laws of the United States, or a state, province, district, or territory;
 - 2. The asset-backed security investments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total market value of the investment portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner; and
 - 3. The bond has a minimum rating of "BBB" by any NRSRO.
- (8) Of the aggregate investments made by the trustees of the self-insured group under this section:
 - (a) Not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total market value of the entire investment portfolio shall be held in cash, cash equivalents, or securities as described in subsection (7)(a) to (d) of this section; and
 - (b) A minimum of five percent (5%) of the total investment portfolio value shall be maintained in cash or cash equivalent accounts or United States Treasury and Federal Agency Securities with a remaining maturity of one (1) year or less.
- (9) In the event that any security investment authorized by subsection (7) of this section is downgraded below "BBB," the workers' compensation self-insurance group shall divest itself of that investment as prudently as possible without incurring unnecessary losses.
- (10) The commissioner may permit variation from the requirements of this section for good

cause.

(11) (a) Governmental entities that:

1. Participate or have participated in a workers' compensation self-insured group authorized by this subtitle; and
2. Are assessed by the workers' compensation self-insured group to cover an accrued deficit;

may finance the payment of the assessment over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years.

(b) Financing obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection may be accomplished by:

1. The issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations; or
2. A lease, installment payment agreement, or other similar agreement.

(c) If the governmental entity fails to make a scheduled payment on the financing obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, any payments due to that governmental entity shall be withheld or intercepted using the process established in KRS 160.160~~(Z)~~~~(6)~~.

(12) Except as provided in subsection (11) of this section, all other provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes applying to any financing obtained by a governmental entity shall apply.

➔SECTION 11. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A local board of education of a large school district shall maintain an advisory committee to which the local board shall send matters of importance, such as budgets, audits, operational and academic evaluations, and major reports on district matters for consideration and comment prior to the local board's consideration of the issue. This subsection shall not apply to any actions taken by the local board due to a state of

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emergency.

(2) The advisory committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Each member of the local board of education shall appoint a member of the advisory committee, subject to confirmation by the local board of education.

(3) To be eligible to serve on the advisory committee, a person shall:

(a) Reside within the district;

(b) Possess a bachelor's degree; and

(c) Have at least ten (10) years of experience in finance or operations of a business organization or a nonprofit organization that has an operating budget of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per year.

(4) A member of the advisory committee shall:

(a) Only serve while the appointing member of the local board of education serves on the board of education; and

(b) Receive the same per diem as a member of the local board of education under KRS 160.280.

(5) The advisory committee shall meet at least once per month.

➔Section 12. Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, for any large school district that has seven board of education members on the effective date of this section of this Act, the term of those members shall terminate on December 31, 2026. All five elected members established under Section 5 of this Act shall be elected at the next regular election following the effective date of this section of this Act. Within ten days of January 1, 2027, the superintendent of the school district shall call a meeting of the newly elected board of education for the purpose of organizing the board of education. Notwithstanding the standard term of office for members of a board of education, the members initially elected for Division Three and Division Four established in Section 6 of this Act shall be for a two year term with subsequent terms being a

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standard four year term. Members initially elected for Divisions One, Two, and Five established in Section 6 of this Act shall be for a standard four year term.

➔Section 13. (1) Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, for any large school district that has seven board of education members on the effective date of this section of this Act, the assignment of the seven members to the five divisions shall be as provided under this section until the five members elected under Section 12 of this Act take office.

(2) For any division in which:

(a) Only one current board of education member resides, that member shall represent that division;

(b) Two or more current board of education members reside, the member representing that division shall be selected by drawing lots among those resident members; and

(c) No current board of education member resides, the member representing that division shall be selected by drawing lots among those members not already representing another division.

(3) Any remaining member shall represent the district at large for the remainder of his or her term.

(4) Any further setting of divisions or setting of the member representing a division shall be conducted in accordance with Section 5 of this Act and as otherwise provided for in statute.

➔Section 14. Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements established in subsection (2)(h) of Section 4 of this Act, a person who was elected or appointed to a board of education prior to the effective date of Section 4 of this Act shall remain eligible for the office for the remainder of the term to which he or she was elected or appointed. The person shall not be subsequently eligible to serve a new term on a board of education, or eligible to be a candidate for election or appointment to a new term on a board of education, unless that person meets all the requirements of Section 4 of this Act.

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➔Section 15. Whereas timely elections and appointments are critically important to the operation of large school districts, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections 2 to 14 of this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.".