

1 AN ACT relating to school leadership.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Department" means the Kentucky Department of Education; and*

7 *(b) "Principal" means a person who:*

8 *1. Is the primary administrator and instructional leader of a public*  
9 *school or program;*

10 *2. Supervises students and school employees; and*

11 *3. Is selected by the district's superintendent pursuant to KRS 160.345.*

12 *(2) There is hereby established the principal leadership development practicum to*  
13 *provide all new principals within the first three (3) years of experience in the*  
14 *position with leadership development training. It is the intent of the General*  
15 *Assembly to ensure that a school district or principal incurs no cost for the*  
16 *participation in the practicum and the principal receives a stipend toward the cost*  
17 *of the third year of the practicum. The Kentucky Department of Education shall*  
18 *develop and operate the practicum, subject to the following provisions:*

19 *(a) The practicum shall operate based on cohorts of new principals and offer*  
20 *three (3) years of leadership development training with specific*  
21 *requirements in each year. The department shall annually establish a*  
22 *calendar for the operation of the practicum;*

23 *(b) Each year's cohort of new principals shall consist of those people who first*  
24 *became principals by September 1 of each year;*

25 *(c) The department shall establish the minimum requirements for successful*  
26 *completion of each year, including hours of instruction or specific work*  
27 *products;*

1        (d) The first and second year of the practicum shall provide professional  
2        learning and mentorship supports to new principals, subject to the  
3        following:

4        1. The mentors shall have significant and successful experience as a  
5        principal and may be currently employed in a school district or retired.

6        The mentors shall provide ongoing support to the new principals  
7        through the first and second school year with regular personal  
8        sessions to provide individualized support to the new principal;

9        2. The mentorship shall also provide the cohort of new principals an  
10       opportunity to build a peer support network;

11       3. The professional learning provided by the department shall be aligned  
12       to the most recent professional standards adopted by the National  
13       Policy Board for Educational Administration and include, at a  
14       minimum, the following topics:

15       a. Personnel evaluation and feedback;

16       b. School-based decision making and school councils;

17       c. Implementation of instructional leadership, high-quality  
18       instructional materials, and curriculum alignment;

19       d. Assessment and accountability;

20       e. Multitiered systems of support;

21       f. Services for exceptional children and youth; and

22       g. School safety; and

23       4. Professional learning under subparagraph 3. of this paragraph shall  
24       utilize any existing trainings required in administrative regulation or  
25       statute or developed by the department. Additional professional  
26       learning developed by the department shall first be approved by the  
27       Kentucky Board of Education;

- 1        (e) The third year of the practicum shall require that the new principal select  
2        one (1) of the following:
- 3        1. An intensive leadership program during the summer with follow-up  
4        sessions throughout the following year. The leadership program shall  
5        be established by the department in partnership with the Kentucky  
6        Chamber Foundation; or
- 7        2. High-level leadership training opportunities. The department shall  
8        establish the standards for training providers and the trainings under  
9        this subparagraph, including the number of hours required. The  
10       department shall maintain a list of training providers who are eligible  
11       to provide the high-level leadership training and make the list  
12       available to new principals; and
- 13       (f) After the third year, the new principal shall continue leadership  
14       development through the effective instructional leadership program  
15       established in Section 2 of this Act.
- 16       (3) A principal may submit the participant hours of instruction that the principal  
17       earns under this section during a year toward the twenty-one (21) participant  
18       hours required by the effective instructional leadership program established in  
19       Section 2 of this Act. The department shall grant program credit for the verified  
20       hours the principal submits.
- 21       (4) If a person discontinues serving as a principal during the first three (3) years of  
22       service and subsequently returns to a principal position, then that person shall  
23       continue the new principal program for the year in which the person was  
24       previously participating.
- 25       (5) The principal leadership development practicum required under this section shall  
26       begin on July 1, 2027, for the 2027-2028 school year, and each principal with less  
27       than three (3) complete school years of experience as a principal shall be placed

1        *in a cohort and year of the practicum based on completed years of experience.*  
 2        *Subsequent cohorts shall be admitted as provided in subsection (2) of this section.*

3        *(6) The Kentucky Board of Education may promulgate administrative regulations in*  
 4        *accordance with KRS Chapter 13A for the operation of the section.*

5        ➔Section 2. KRS 156.101 is amended to read as follows:

6        (1) The purpose of this section is to encourage and require the maintenance and  
 7        development of effective instructional leadership in the public schools of the  
 8        Commonwealth and to recognize that principals, with the assistance of assistant  
 9        principals, supervisors of instruction, guidance counselors, and directors of special  
 10        education, have the primary responsibility for instructional leadership in the schools  
 11        to which they are assigned.

12        (2) *As used in* ~~For the purpose of~~ this section, "instructional leader" *means* ~~shall be~~  
 13        ~~defined as~~ an employee of the public schools of the Commonwealth employed as a  
 14        principal, assistant principal, supervisor of instruction, guidance counselor, director  
 15        of special education, or other administrative position deemed by the Education  
 16        Professional Standards Board to require an administrative certificate.

17        (3) In order to carry out the purpose of this section, the Kentucky Board of Education  
 18        shall establish a statewide program to improve and maintain the quality ~~and~~  
 19        ~~effectiveness~~ of *effective* instructional leadership in the public schools of the  
 20        Commonwealth.

21        (4) The *effective instructional leadership* ~~instructional leader improvement~~ program  
 22        shall contain the following provisions:

23        (a) Each instructional leader employed by the public schools of the  
 24        Commonwealth shall participate in a continuing intensive training program  
 25        designed especially for instructional leaders;

26        (b) Each instructional leader shall annually complete an intensive training  
 27        program approved by the Kentucky Board of Education to include no fewer

1 than twenty-one (21) participant hours of instruction. Hours completed by  
2 participants in the principal leadership development practicum under  
3 Section 1 of this Act may be substituted to satisfy this requirement;

4 (c) The Kentucky Board of Education shall prescribe specific criteria for the  
5 training program. The Kentucky Department of Education may contract for  
6 specific training with qualified agencies or institutions or approve programs  
7 offered by training providers, including local district training programs,  
8 except that the department shall ensure the requirements of paragraph (d) of  
9 this subsection are met; and

10 (d) Annually, each local district superintendent shall report to the Kentucky  
11 Department of Education any instructional leader who fails to complete the  
12 training requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection and shall place the  
13 leader on probation for one (1) year. The Department of Education shall  
14 verify completion of the required training. If the required training for the prior  
15 year and the current year is not completed during the probationary period, the  
16 Department of Education shall forward the information to the Education  
17 Professional Standards Board, which shall revoke the instructional leader's  
18 certificate.

19 (5) The Kentucky Department of Education shall ensure that training options in human  
20 resource management and conflict resolution techniques are available to education  
21 leaders throughout the state.

22 (6) This section shall be known as the ~~Effective Instructional Leadership Act.~~

23 ➔Section 3. KRS 161.027 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The Education Professional Standards Board, pursuant to KRS 161.028, shall by  
25 administrative regulation establish requirements for a preparation program in  
26 institutions of higher education for all new applicants for principal certification and  
27 establish criteria for admission to the program.

- 1 (2) The Education Professional Standards Board and the Council on Postsecondary  
2 Education shall evaluate the preparation programs for principals and maintain only  
3 those institutional programs that can demonstrate both the quality and the capability  
4 to enroll adequate numbers of students to justify the resources necessary for  
5 maintenance of a quality program.
- 6 (3) The Education Professional Standards Board shall develop or select appropriate  
7 assessments for applicants seeking certification as principals, including an  
8 assessment of the ability to apply knowledge, instructional leadership, management,  
9 and supervision skills.
- 10 (4) The Education Professional Standards Board shall establish the minimum score for  
11 successful completion of assessments and shall establish a reasonable fee to be  
12 charged applicants for the actual cost of administration of the assessments. The  
13 Education Professional Standards Board shall provide for confidentiality of  
14 assessment scores.
- 15 ~~(5) [The Education Professional Standards Board shall develop an internship program  
16 which shall provide for the supervision, assistance, and assessment of beginning  
17 principals and assistant principals. The internship shall not be required of applicants  
18 who have completed, within a ten (10) year period prior to making application, at  
19 least two (2) years of successful experience as a principal in a school situation. The  
20 Education Professional Standards Board, by administrative regulation, shall  
21 establish the internship program.]~~
- 22 ~~(6)~~ The certification of principals shall require the successful completion of the  
23 examinations required by subsection (3) of this section. A one (1) year certificate  
24 may be given to a person who has:
- 25 (a) A comparable certificate from another state; or
- 26 (b) All other qualifications except the assessments and is selected as a principal or  
27 assistant principal in a district where the superintendent certifies to the

1 Education Professional Standards Board that there is a limited number of  
2 applicants to meet the requirements.

3 Upon successful completion of the assessments, a certificate shall be issued for an  
4 additional four (4) years. A person employed in Kentucky as a principal or assistant  
5 principal who was certified in another state and practiced in that state for two (2) or  
6 more years is exempt from taking the assessment described in subsection (3)(a) of  
7 this section.

8 ~~(6)~~<sup>(7)</sup> Upon successful completion of the approved preparation program and the  
9 assessments, the Education Professional Standards Board shall issue to the  
10 applicant a statement of eligibility for internship valid for five (5) years. If the  
11 applicant does not gain employment as a principal~~participate in an internship~~  
12 ~~program~~ within the five (5) year period, the applicant shall reestablish eligibility by  
13 repeating and passing the assessments in effect at that time or by completing a  
14 minimum of six (6) graduate hours, directly related to instructional leadership,  
15 management, or supervision, at a regionally or nationally accredited institution. The  
16 option for renewal through completion of graduate hours shall be available only for  
17 the first reestablishment of eligibility. Upon obtaining employment for an internship  
18 position as principal or assistant principal within the period of eligibility, the  
19 applicant shall be issued the appropriate one (1) year certificate for the position.

20 ~~(7)~~<sup>(8)</sup> ~~[All applicants for principal certification, after successfully completing the~~  
21 ~~assessments, shall successfully complete the internship program described in~~  
22 ~~subsection (5) of this section for principal certification. If the principal's or assistant~~  
23 ~~principal's internship performance is judged to be less than satisfactory pursuant to~~  
24 ~~administrative regulations developed by the Education Professional Standards~~  
25 ~~Board, the applicant for principal certification shall be provided with an opportunity~~  
26 ~~to repeat the internship one (1) time if the applicant is employed by a school district~~  
27 ~~as a principal or assistant principal.~~

1 (9) ~~Following successful completion of the first year of principalship internship~~  
2 ~~program~~, the principal certificate shall be extended for four (4) years. Renewal of  
3 the certificate shall require the completion of a continuing education requirement as  
4 prescribed by the Education Professional Standards Board.

5 ➔Section 4. KRS 156.492 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The Kentucky Department of Education may enter into an agreement with any  
7 building and construction trade organization to develop a training program for  
8 school counselors providing services to students in the Commonwealth. The  
9 purpose of the training program shall be to promote building and construction  
10 trades and training facilities available to students by making school counselors  
11 aware of what is available to students participating in the building and construction  
12 trade. The training program shall include information relating to:

13 (a) The pay and benefits available to people who work in the building and  
14 construction trades; and

15 (b) Job opportunities, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, and pathways within  
16 the building and construction trade industry.

17 (2) The participating trade organization shall ensure ample opportunities for school  
18 counselors that serve grades seven (7) through twelve (12) to complete the training  
19 created under subsection (1) of this section annually and shall bear all costs  
20 associated with the training. The participating trade organization may choose to  
21 offer professional development opportunities to teachers who serve students in  
22 grades seven (7) through twelve (12), if resources are available for this purpose.

23 (3) The department shall include the training program created in this section on the  
24 electronic consumer bulletin board created pursuant to KRS 156.095(8) if requested  
25 by the training program.

26 (4) A school counselor serving students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) may  
27 complete four (4) hours of training developed under this section which shall count

1 towards the twenty-one (21) hours required annually pursuant to KRS  
2 156.101(4)(b){2}.

3 (5) Local boards of education or school-based decision making councils may  
4 incorporate this training as part of the four (4) days of professional development  
5 required pursuant to KRS 158.070(3)(a) for teachers who serve students in grades  
6 seven (7) through twelve (12) if offered by the participating trade organization.

7 ➔SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO  
8 READ AS FOLLOWS:

9 *A board of education shall maintain a critical school improvement advisory committee*  
10 *if the district contains more than four (4) schools identified for comprehensive support*  
11 *and improvement under KRS 160.346 during the previous school year. The critical*  
12 *school improvement advisory committee shall:*

13 *(1) Have seven (7) members appointed by the local board of education, each of whom*  
14 *shall possess a bachelor's degree. The membership shall be composed of:*

15 *(a) One (1) member who is a resident of the district and the parent of a student*  
16 *enrolled in the district;*

17 *(b) One (1) member who is a resident of the district and who is an officer of a*  
18 *local government located within the district;*

19 *(c) One (1) member who is a faculty member of a teacher preparation program*  
20 *approved by the Education Professional Standards Board;*

21 *(d) One (1) member who is a resident of the district, is an administrator*  
22 *employed by the district, and is not assigned to a school that has been*  
23 *identified for comprehensive support and improvement;*

24 *(e) One (1) member who is a resident of the district, is a teacher employed by*  
25 *the district, and is not assigned to a school that has been identified for*  
26 *comprehensive support and improvement;*

27 *(f) One (1) member who is a resident of the district and operates a business*

- 1           located within the district; and
- 2           (g) One (1) at-large member who is:
- 3                 1. A resident of the district;
- 4                 2. Not an employee of the district; and
- 5                 3. Not the parent of a student enrolled in the district;
- 6           (2) Review any district and school improvement plan for schools designated for
- 7                 comprehensive support and improvement, and make recommendations to the
- 8                 board of education for amendments to those plans; and
- 9           (3) Meet at least monthly to review progress on implementing any district and school
- 10                 improvement plans and to make recommendations to the superintendent and
- 11                 board of education on implementing those plans.

12           ➔Section 6. KRS 160.160 is amended to read as follows:

- 13           (1) As used in this section and Sections 9, 11, and 13 of this Act, "large school
- 14                 district" means a school district that has more than three hundred thousand
- 15                 (300,000) inhabitants.
- 16           (2) Each school district shall be under the management and control of a board of
- 17                 education consisting of five (5) members, except in large school districts~~[counties~~
- 18                 ~~containing a city of the first class wherein a merger pursuant to KRS 160.041 shall~~
- 19                 ~~have been accomplished]~~ which shall have the number of~~[seven (7)]~~ members
- 20                 elected from the divisions and the number appointed in the manner prescribed by
- 21                 Section 11 of this Act~~[KRS 160.210(5)]~~, to be known as the "Board of Education of
- 22                 ..., Kentucky." Each board of education shall be a body politic and corporate with
- 23                 perpetual succession. It may sue and be sued; make contracts; expend funds
- 24                 necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action
- 25                 brought against an individual board member in his or her official or individual
- 26                 capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of his or her
- 27                 performance of legal duties as a board member; purchase, receive, hold, and sell

1 property; issue its bonds to build and construct improvements; and do all things  
2 necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it is created. Each board of  
3 education shall elect a chair~~[chairman]~~ and vice chair~~[chairman]~~ from its  
4 membership in a manner and for a term prescribed by the board not to exceed two  
5 (2) years.

6 ~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ No board of education shall participate in any financing of school buildings,  
7 school improvements, appurtenances thereto, or furnishing and equipment,  
8 including education technology equipment without:

9 (a) First establishing the cost of the project in advance of financing, based on the  
10 receipt of advertised, public, and competitive bids for such project, in  
11 accordance with KRS Chapter 424; and

12 (b) Establishing the cost of financing in advance of the sale of any bonds,  
13 certificates of participation in any leases, or other evidences of financial  
14 commitments issued by or on behalf of such board. Any bonds, leases,  
15 participations, or other financial arrangements shall not involve a final  
16 commitment of the board until the purchaser or lender involved shall have  
17 been determined by public advertising in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.

18 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ No board of education shall make a mortgage, lien, or other encumbrance  
19 upon any school building owned by the board, or transfer title to any such school  
20 building as part of any financing arrangement, without the specific approval of the  
21 Department of Education, and without the transaction being entered into pursuant to  
22 a detailed plan or procedure specifically authorized by Kentucky statute.

23 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ Without the approval of the Department of Education, no board may lease, as  
24 lessee, a building or public facility that has been or is to be financed at the request  
25 of the board or on its behalf through the issuance of bonds by another public body  
26 or by a nonprofit corporation serving as an agency and instrumentality of the board,  
27 or by a leasing corporation. Any lease, participation, or other financial arrangement

1 shall not involve a final commitment of the board unless and until the purchaser or  
2 lender involved in same shall have been determined by public advertising in  
3 accordance with KRS Chapter 424. No transaction shall be entered into by the  
4 board except upon the basis of public advertising and competitive bidding in  
5 accordance with KRS Chapter 424.

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

8 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ Rental payments due by a board under a lease approved by the Department of  
9 Education in accordance with subsection ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ of this section, and debt service  
10 payments under a general obligation bond issued in accordance with this section,  
11 shall be due and payable not less than ten (10) days prior to the interest due date for  
12 the bonds, notes, or other debt obligations issued to finance the building or public  
13 facility. If a board fails to make a rental payment when due under a lease or a debt  
14 service payment when due for a general obligation bond issue, upon notification to  
15 the Department of Education by the paying agent, bond registrar, or trustee for the  
16 bonds not less than three (3) days prior to the interest due date, the Department of  
17 Education shall withhold or intercept any funds then due the board to the extent of  
18 the amount of the required payment on the bonds and remit the amount to the  
19 paying agent, bond registrar, or trustee as appropriate. Thereafter, the Department  
20 of Education shall resolve the matter with the board and adjust remittances to the  
21 board to the extent of the amount paid by the Department of Education on the  
22 board's behalf.

23 ~~(8)~~~~(7)~~ Bonds, notes, or leases negotiated to provide education technology shall not  
24 be sold for longer than seven (7) years or the useful life of the equipment as  
25 established by the state technology master plan, whichever is less.

26 ~~(9)~~~~(8)~~ Notwithstanding any requirements of public advertising, competitive bidding,  
27 or approval by the Department of Education, or any administrative regulation

1 promulgated pursuant to KRS 156.160(1)(o), a local board may authorize the  
2 transfer or sale of the district's real or personal property to another governmental or  
3 quasi-governmental agency in exchange for money or a similar type of property that  
4 equals or exceeds the fair market value of the district property as determined by an  
5 independent appraisal conducted by:

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

10 **(10) The board of education of a large school district shall conduct an ongoing**  
 11 **evaluation of the board's performance using an evaluation tool that is designed**  
 12 **by the Council of the Great City Schools to assist boards of education of similarly**  
 13 **sized school districts ensure effective and efficient operations. The evaluation**  
 14 **shall take place at least once every three (3) months at a public meeting of the**  
 15 **board.**

16 ➔Section 7. KRS 160.170 is amended to read as follows:

17 Every person elected **or appointed** to a board of education shall, before assuming the  
18 duties of the office, take the following oath, in addition to the constitutional oath:

19 "State of Kentucky,

20 "County of \_\_\_\_\_

21 " \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, says that he or she is eligible under the law  
22 to serve as a member of the board of education, and that he or she will, while serving as a  
23 member of such board, carry out all duties prescribed by law and remain eligible for  
24 membership on the board of education.

25 " \_\_\_\_\_

26 "Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

27 " \_\_\_\_\_ "

1 The oath shall be kept on record by the board.

2 ➔Section 8. KRS 160.180 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) As used in this section, "relative" means father, mother, brother, sister, husband,  
4 wife, son, and daughter.

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

7 (a) Has attained the age of twenty-four (24) years;

8 (b) Has been a citizen of Kentucky for at least three (3) years preceding the  
9 election and is a voter of the district for which he or she is elected;

10 (c) Has completed at least the twelfth grade or has been issued a High School  
11 Equivalency Diploma, as evidenced by:

12 1. An affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of the  
13 twelfth grade or the equivalent that has been filed with the nominating  
14 petition required by KRS 118.315; or

15 2. A transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or the results of  
16 a twelfth grade equivalency examination that has been filed with the  
17 nominating petition required by KRS 118.315;

18 (d) Does not hold any elective federal, state, county, or city office;

19 (e) Is not, at the time of his or her election *or appointment*, directly or indirectly  
20 interested in the sale to the board of books, stationery, or any other property,  
21 materials, supplies, equipment, or services for which school funds are  
22 expended;

23 (f) Has not been removed from membership on a board of education for cause;{  
24 ~~and~~}

25 (g) Does not have a relative employed by the school district, in the case of a  
26 person elected *or appointed* after July 13, 1990. This shall not apply to a  
27 board member holding office on July 13, 1990, whose relative was not

1 initially hired by the district during the tenure of the board member; and  
 2 (h) Is not an employee of a board of education in the Commonwealth whose  
 3 position requires work on more than one hundred (100) days per year.

4 (3) (a) An elected<sup>[A]</sup> member of a board of education shall be subject to removal  
 5 from office pursuant to KRS 415.050 and 415.060, and an appointed member  
 6 shall be subject to removal from office pursuant to subsection (2) of Section  
 7 13 of this Act, if<sup>[,]</sup> after the election or appointment the member:

- 8 1. Becomes interested in any contract with or claims against the board, of  
 9 the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(e) of this section;
- 10 2. Moves his or her residence from the division for which he or she was  
 11 chosen;
- 12 3. Attempts to influence the employment of any school employee, except  
 13 the superintendent or school board attorney;
- 14 4. Is convicted of a felony;
- 15 5. Performs acts of malfeasance in performance of duties prescribed by  
 16 law;
- 17 6. Willfully misuses, converts, or misappropriates public property or funds;  
 18 or
- 19 7. Does anything that would render the member ineligible for reelection or  
 20 reappointment.

21 (b) In accordance with KRS 7.410, the Office of Education Accountability shall  
 22 have the duty and responsibility to investigate current local board of education  
 23 members for allegations of conduct prohibited by paragraph (a) of this  
 24 subsection. After review and investigation, the Office of Education  
 25 Accountability shall refer appropriate matters to the Attorney General.

26 (4) A member of a board of education shall be eligible for reelection or reappointment  
 27 unless he or she becomes disqualified.

1 (5) The annual in-service training requirements for all members of boards of education  
2 servicing~~[in office]~~ as of December 31, 2014, shall be as follows:

3 (a) Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to three (3) years of experience;

4 (b) Eight (8) hours for members with four (4) to seven (7) years of experience;  
5 and

6 (c) Four (4) hours for members with eight (8) or more years of experience.

7 The Kentucky Board of Education shall identify the criteria for fulfilling this  
8 requirement.

9 (6) (a) For all members of boards of education who begin their initial service on or  
10 after January 1, 2015, the in-service training requirements shall be:

11 1. Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to eight (8) years of  
12 experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:

13 a. One (1) hour of ethics training each year; and

14 b. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training within  
15 the first twelve (12) months of initial service and at least once  
16 every four (4) years thereafter; and

17 2. Eight (8) hours for members with more than eight (8) years of  
18 experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:

19 a. One (1) hour of ethics training each year; and

20 b. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training at least  
21 once every four (4) years.

22 (b) Training topics for members under this subsection with less than two (2) years  
23 of consecutive service shall include three (3) hours of finance and one (1)  
24 hour of superintendent evaluation within the first two (2) years of service. The  
25 Kentucky Board of Education shall identify criteria for fulfilling this  
26 requirement.

27 ➔Section 9. KRS 160.190 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) **(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection,** any vacancy in any  
2 board of education shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining  
3 members of the local board within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs.  
4 Within thirty (30) days of the vacancy, the local board shall, for two (2)  
5 weeks, have solicited applications by posting a notice announcing the vacancy  
6 on the district's website and by placing an advertisement in the newspaper of  
7 the largest general circulation in the county. An applicant shall file a letter of  
8 intent with the local board affirming that the applicant meets the eligibility  
9 requirements as established by KRS 160.180 and shall submit with the  
10 application a transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or results  
11 of a twelfth grade equivalency examination. After the two (2) weeks of  
12 advertisement on the district's website and in the newspaper, the local board  
13 shall select from the applicants under this subsection to fill the vacancy.
- 14 **(b) In large school districts, any vacancy of a member appointed under Section**  
15 **11 of this Act shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the**  
16 **appointing authority within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs and in**  
17 **accordance with Section 11 of this Act.**
- 18 (2) If the local board **or appointing authority** fails to make an appointment under  
19 subsection (1) of this section, then the chief state school officer shall fill the  
20 vacancy within sixty (60) days of the failure.
- 21 (3) The member **appointed**~~chosen~~ under this section shall meet the eligibility  
22 requirements as established by KRS 160.180 and shall hold office until his or her  
23 successor is elected or appointed, and has qualified.
- 24 (4) Any vacancy **of an elected position** having an unexpired term of one (1) year or  
25 more on August 1 after the vacancy occurs shall be filled for the unexpired term by  
26 an election to be held at the next regular election after the vacancy occurs. The  
27 elected member shall succeed the member chosen under subsection (1) or (2) of this

1 section to fill the vacancy. Nominating petitions shall be filed with the county clerk  
2 not later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the day for holding the  
3 regular election for the unexpired term. Declarations of intent to be a write-in  
4 candidate shall be filed with the county clerk in accordance with KRS 117.265.

5 (5) (a) If no candidate files a petition of nomination or declaration of intent to be a  
6 write-in candidate to fill an unexpired term on a local board of education  
7 under subsection (4) of this section, then a new vacancy shall exist on  
8 November 1 and the vacancy shall be filled according to subsection (1) of this  
9 section.

10 (b) If no candidate files a petition of nomination or declaration of intent to be a  
11 write-in candidate for a new term on a local board of education opening  
12 pursuant to KRS 118.315 and 118.365, then a vacancy shall exist on January 1  
13 and the vacancy shall be filled according to subsection (1) of this section.

14 ➔Section 10. KRS 160.200 is amended to read as follows:

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

19 (2) In each even numbered year, there shall be held an election in every county and  
20 independent district to fill the membership of the boards of education for the terms  
21 that will expire on the first Monday in January following, and the regularly elected  
22 members shall hold office for four (4) years and until their successors are elected  
23 and have qualified.

24 (3) Any independent school district embracing a designated city may, at the discretion  
25 of its board of education, hold its election of board members at its public school  
26 building on the first Saturday in May. The election shall be held by three (3)  
27 officers appointed by the board of education and the expenses of the election shall

1 be paid from the treasury of the school district. In all other respects the provisions  
2 of this chapter relating to holding elections for board members shall apply.

3 (4) ~~In counties containing a city of the first class, wherein a merger pursuant to KRS~~  
4 ~~160.041 shall have been accomplished, the terms of the members shall be as~~  
5 ~~provided in KRS 160.210(5). Elected members of such boards, excepting those~~  
6 ~~boards of education representing ten percent (10%) or less of the student population~~  
7 ~~of the county serving at the effective date of such a merger shall continue to serve~~  
8 ~~until their term expires, but no appointments shall be made to fill vacancies. The~~  
9 ~~terms of office of members of boards of education representing ten percent (10%)~~  
10 ~~or less of the student population of the county shall expire on the effective date of~~  
11 ~~the merger.~~

12 (5) ~~As used in this section, "designated city" means a city classified as a city of the~~  
13 ~~fifth class as of January 1, 2014, under the city classification system in effect prior~~  
14 ~~to January 1, 2015. The Department of Education shall, on or before January 1,~~  
15 ~~2015, create an official registry listing the cities that qualify as a "designated city"~~  
16 ~~under this section and shall publish that registry on its website [Web site].~~

17 ➔Section 11. KRS 160.210 is amended to read as follows:

18 (1) In independent school districts, the members of the school board shall be elected  
19 from the district at large. In county school districts, members shall be elected from  
20 divisions.

21 (2) The board of education of each county school district shall ~~not later than July 1,~~  
22 ~~1940,~~ divide its district into five (5) divisions containing integral voting precincts  
23 and as equal in population insofar as is practicable. In ~~first~~ dividing the county  
24 district into divisions the board shall, if more than one (1) of its members reside in  
25 one (1) division, determine by lot which member from that division shall represent  
26 that division, and which members shall represent the divisions in which no member  
27 resides. The members so determined to represent divisions in which no member

1        resides shall be considered the members from those divisions until their terms  
2        expire, and thereafter the members from those divisions shall be nominated and  
3        elected as provided in KRS 160.200 and 160.220 to 160.250.

4        (3) Any changes made in division boundary lines shall be to make divisions as equal in  
5        population and containing integral voting precincts insofar as is practical. No  
6        change may be made in division boundary lines less than five (5) years after the last  
7        change in any division lines, except in case of merger of districts, a change in  
8        territory due to annexation, *a district becoming subject to subsection (5) of this*  
9        *section*, or to allow compliance with KRS 117.055(2).

10        (4) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, if one  
11        hundred (100) residents of a county school district petition the  
12        Kentucky Board of Education stating that the school district divisions are not  
13        divided as nearly equal in population as can reasonably be expected, the chief  
14        state school officer shall cause an investigation to determine the validity of the  
15        petition, the investigation to be completed within thirty (30) days after receipt  
16        of the petition.

17        (b) If the investigation reveals the school district to be unequally divided  
18        according to population, the Kentucky Board of Education, upon the  
19        recommendation of the chief state school officer, shall order the local board of  
20        education to make changes in school district divisions as are necessary to  
21        equalize population within the five (5) school divisions.

22        (c) If any board fails to comply with the order of the Kentucky Board of  
23        Education within thirty (30) days or prior to August 1 in any year in which  
24        any members of the board are to be elected, members shall be elected from  
25        the district at large until the order of the Kentucky Board of Education has  
26        been complied with.

27        (d) No change shall be made in the boundary of any division under the provisions

1 of this subsection after August 1 in the year in which a member of the school  
2 board is to be elected from any division.

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

4 **(a)** In **large school districts**~~[counties containing a city of the first class wherein a~~  
5 ~~merger pursuant to KRS 160.041 shall have been accomplished]~~, there shall  
6 be:

7 **1. Five (5)**~~[Seven (7)]~~ divisions as equal in population as is practicable,  
8 with members elected from divisions. To be eligible to be elected from a  
9 division, a candidate **shall**~~[must]~~ reside in that division. The **county**  
10 **school district** divisions~~[, based upon 1970 United States Census Bureau~~  
11 ~~Reports on total population by census tracts]~~ for Jefferson County,  
12 Kentucky, shall be as **provided in Section 12 of this Act**~~[follows:~~  
13 ~~Division One shall include census tracts 1 28; Division Two shall~~  
14 ~~include census tracts 29 35, 47 53, 57 74, 80 84, 93, 129, 130; Division~~  
15 ~~Three shall include census tracts 75 79, 85 88, 98 106, 107.01, 108;~~  
16 ~~Division Four shall include census tracts 121.01, 123 128; Division Five~~  
17 ~~shall include census tracts 36 46, 56, 90, 120, 121.02, 122; Division Six~~  
18 ~~shall include census tracts 54, 55, 91, 92, 94, 95, 110.02, 113, 114,~~  
19 ~~117.01, 117.02, 118, 119; Division Seven shall include census tracts 89,~~  
20 ~~96, 97, 107.02, 109, 110.01, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117.03, 131, 132.]; **and**~~  
21 **2. Two (2) members from the school district at large, appointed by the**  
22 **State Treasurer with each appointee having expertise in finance; and**

23 **(b)** The terms of the members~~[ to be elected]~~, KRS 160.044 notwithstanding,  
24 shall be four (4) years~~[ and the election for the initial four (4) year terms shall~~  
25 ~~be as follows: The election of the members from Divisions Two, Four and~~  
26 ~~Seven shall be held at the next regular November election following the~~  
27 ~~effective date of the merger pursuant to KRS 160.041, and the election of the~~

1 members from Divisions One, Three, Five and Six shall be held at the regular  
2 November election two (2) years thereafter].

3 (6) ~~[In counties containing cities of the first class, ]~~Responsibility for the establishment  
4 ~~and~~~~or~~ the changing of county school board division boundaries shall be with the  
5 county~~local~~ board of education, subject to the review and approval of the county  
6 board of elections. Where division and census tract boundaries do not coincide with  
7 existing election precinct boundaries, school board divisions shall be redrawn to  
8 comply with precinct boundaries. In no instance shall precinct boundaries be  
9 redrawn nor shall a precinct be divided to accommodate the drawing of school  
10 board division lines. ~~[Precinct boundaries nearest existing school board division~~  
11 ~~boundaries shall become the new division boundary. ]~~All changes under this  
12 section~~statute~~ shall be completed on or before ~~January 1, 1979, and on or before~~  
13 January 1 in any~~succeeding~~ year in which a member of the~~school~~ board is to be  
14 elected from any division. A record of all changes in division lines shall be kept in  
15 the offices of the county board of education and the county board of elections. The  
16 board of education shall publish all changes pursuant to KRS Chapter 424. A copy  
17 of the newspaper in which the notice is published shall be filed with the chief state  
18 school officer within ten (10) days following its publication.

19 ➔SECTION 12. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO  
20 READ AS FOLLOWS:

21 **(1) The divisions for the Jefferson County Board of Education shall be based upon**  
22 **the sources identified in KRS 5.010, and composed of the following territory in**  
23 **Jefferson County:**

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

25 **A105 - Precinct 105 28 District**

26 **A107 - Precinct 107 28 District**

27 **A108 - Precinct 108 28 District**

- 1            *A111 - Precinct 111 28 District*
- 2            *A113 - Precinct 113 28 District*
- 3            *A114 - Precinct 114 28 District*
- 4            *A115 - Precinct 115 28 District*
- 5            *A118 - Precinct 118 28 District*
- 6            *A119 - Precinct 119 28 District*
- 7            *A121 - Precinct 121 28 District*
- 8            *A123 - Precinct 123 28 District*
- 9            *A124 - Precinct 124 28 District*
- 10           *A125 - Precinct 125 28 District*
- 11           *A126 - Precinct 126 28 District*
- 12           *A127 - Precinct 127 28 District*
- 13           *A128 - Precinct 128 28 District*
- 14           *A129 - Precinct 129 28 District*
- 15           *A130 - Precinct 130 28 District*
- 16           *A131 - Precinct 131 28 District*
- 17           *A134 - Precinct 134 28 District*
- 18           *A135 - Precinct 135 28 District*
- 19           *A136 - Precinct 136 28 District*
- 20           *A139 - Precinct 139 28 District*
- 21           *A140 - Precinct 140 28 District*
- 22           *A142 - Precinct 142 28 District*
- 23           *A143 - Precinct 143 28 District*
- 24           *B124 - Precinct 124 29 District*
- 25           *B133 - Precinct 133 29 District*
- 26           *B134 - Precinct 134 29 District*
- 27           *B149 - Precinct 149 29 District*

- 1            **B154 - Precinct 154 29 District**
- 2            **B156 - Precinct 156 29 District**
- 3            **B157 - Precinct 157 29 District**
- 4            **B160 - Precinct 160 29 District**
- 5            **B162 - Precinct 162 29 District**
- 6            **B163 - Precinct 163 29 District**
- 7            **B166 - Precinct 166 29 District**
- 8            **B168 - Precinct 168 29 District**
- 9            **B169 - Precinct 169 29 District**
- 10           **B173 - Precinct 173 29 District**
- 11           **B175 - Precinct 175 29 District**
- 12           **B177 - Precinct 177 29 District**
- 13           **B184 - Precinct 184 29 District**
- 14           **H138 - Precinct 138 35 District**
- 15           **H144 - Precinct 144 35 District**
- 16           **H145 - Precinct 145 35 District**
- 17           **H147 - Precinct 147 35 District**
- 18           **H148 - Precinct 148 35 District**
- 19           **H156 - Precinct 156 35 District**
- 20           **H159 - Precinct 159 35 District**
- 21           **H160 - Precinct 160 35 District**
- 22           **H162 - Precinct 162 35 District**
- 23           **I124 - Precinct 124 37 District**
- 24           **I125 - Precinct 125 37 District**
- 25           **I126 - Precinct 126 37 District**
- 26           **I130 - Precinct 130 37 District**
- 27           **I133 - Precinct 133 37 District**

- 1            *J135 - Precinct 135 37 District*
- 2            *J138 - Precinct 138 37 District*
- 3            *J141 - Precinct 141 37 District*
- 4            *J142 - Precinct 142 37 District*
- 5            *J143 - Precinct 143 37 District*
- 6            *J144 - Precinct 144 37 District*
- 7            *J145 - Precinct 145 37 District*
- 8            *J146 - Precinct 146 37 District*
- 9            *J147 - Precinct 147 37 District*
- 10           *J148 - Precinct 148 37 District*
- 11           *J149 - Precinct 149 37 District*
- 12           *J150 - Precinct 150 37 District*
- 13           *J151 - Precinct 151 37 District*
- 14           *J152 - Precinct 152 37 District*
- 15           *J153 - Precinct 153 37 District*
- 16           *J154 - Precinct 154 37 District*
- 17           *J155 - Precinct 155 37 District*
- 18           *J156 - Precinct 156 37 District*
- 19           *J122 - Precinct 122 38 District*
- 20           *J123 - Precinct 123 38 District*
- 21           *J135 - Precinct 135 38 District*
- 22           *J137 - Precinct 137 38 District*
- 23           *J138 - Precinct 138 38 District*
- 24           *J141 - Precinct 141 38 District*
- 25           *J142 - Precinct 142 38 District*
- 26           *J143 - Precinct 143 38 District*
- 27           *J144 - Precinct 144 38 District*

- 1            *J145 - Precinct 145 38 District*
- 2            *J152 - Precinct 152 38 District*
- 3            *J153 - Precinct 153 38 District*
- 4            *J155 - Precinct 155 38 District*
- 5            *O133 - Precinct 133 44 District*
- 6            *O134 - Precinct 134 44 District*
- 7            *O135 - Precinct 135 44 District*
- 8            *O141 - Precinct 141 44 District*
- 9            *O142 - Precinct 142 44 District*
- 10           *O143 - Precinct 143 44 District*
- 11           *O109 - Precinct 109 46 District*
- 12           *O112 - Precinct 112 46 District*
- 13           *O113 - Precinct 113 46 District*
- 14           *O114 - Precinct 114 46 District*
- 15           *O115 - Precinct 115 46 District*
- 16           *O116 - Precinct 116 46 District*
- 17           *O117 - Precinct 117 46 District*
- 18           *O119 - Precinct 119 46 District*
- 19           *O125 - Precinct 125 46 District*
- 20           *O126 - Precinct 126 46 District*
- 21           *O131 - Precinct 131 46 District*
- 22           *O132 - Precinct 132 46 District*
- 23           *O139 - Precinct 139 46 District*

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

- 25           *B153 - Precinct 153 29 District*
- 26           *B158 - Precinct 158 29 District*
- 27           *B159 - Precinct 159 29 District*

- 1            *B161 - Precinct 161 29 District*
- 2            *B172 - Precinct 172 29 District*
- 3            *B183 - Precinct 183 29 District*
- 4            *E145 - Precinct 145 32 District*
- 5            *E148 - Precinct 148 32 District*
- 6            *E152 - Precinct 152 32 District*
- 7            *E160 - Precinct 160 32 District*
- 8            *E181 - Precinct 181 32 District*
- 9            *E182 - Precinct 182 32 District*
- 10           *E184 - Precinct 184 32 District*
- 11           *F106 - Precinct 106 33 District*
- 12           *F145 - Precinct 145 33 District*
- 13           *F151 - Precinct 151 33 District*
- 14           *F152 - Precinct 152 33 District*
- 15           *F153 - Precinct 153 33 District*
- 16           *F154 - Precinct 154 33 District*
- 17           *F155 - Precinct 155 33 District*
- 18           *F156 - Precinct 156 33 District*
- 19           *F158 - Precinct 158 33 District*
- 20           *F161 - Precinct 161 33 District*
- 21           *F163 - Precinct 163 33 District*
- 22           *F164 - Precinct 164 33 District*
- 23           *F166 - Precinct 166 33 District*
- 24           *F167 - Precinct 167 33 District*
- 25           *F169 - Precinct 169 33 District*
- 26           *F170 - Precinct 170 33 District*
- 27           *F171 - Precinct 171 33 District*

- 1            *F172 - Precinct 172 33 District*
- 2            *F176 - Precinct 176 33 District*
- 3            *F179 - Precinct 179 33 District*
- 4            *F180 - Precinct 180 33 District*
- 5            *F181 - Precinct 181 33 District*
- 6            *F182 - Precinct 182 33 District*
- 7            *F183 - Precinct 183 33 District*
- 8            *F184 - Precinct 184 33 District*
- 9            *F185 - Precinct 185 33 District*
- 10           *F186 - Precinct 186 33 District*
- 11           *F187 - Precinct 187 33 District*
- 12           *L118 - Precinct 118 41 District*
- 13           *N126 - Precinct 126 43 District*
- 14           *N130 - Precinct 130 43 District*
- 15           *N131 - Precinct 131 43 District*
- 16           *N141 - Precinct 141 43 District*
- 17           *S116 - Precinct 116 48 District*
- 18           *S118 - Precinct 118 48 District*
- 19           *S119 - Precinct 119 48 District*
- 20           *S125 - Precinct 125 48 District*
- 21           *S126 - Precinct 126 48 District*
- 22           *S128 - Precinct 128 48 District*
- 23           *S129 - Precinct 129 48 District*
- 24           *S130 - Precinct 130 48 District*
- 25           *S131 - Precinct 131 48 District*
- 26           *S132 - Precinct 132 48 District*
- 27           *S135 - Precinct 135 48 District*

- 1            *S139 - Precinct 139 48 District*
- 2            *S140 - Precinct 140 48 District*
- 3            *S141 - Precinct 141 48 District*
- 4            *S142 - Precinct 142 48 District*
- 5            *S143 - Precinct 143 48 District*
- 6            *S144 - Precinct 144 48 District*
- 7            *S146 - Precinct 146 48 District*
- 8            *S150 - Precinct 150 48 District*
- 9            *S152 - Precinct 152 48 District*
- 10           *S153 - Precinct 153 48 District*
- 11           *S156 - Precinct 156 48 District*
- 12           *S160 - Precinct 160 48 District*
- 13           *S161 - Precinct 161 48 District*
- 14           *S164 - Precinct 164 48 District*
- 15           *S165 - Precinct 165 48 District*
- 16           *S166 - Precinct 166 48 District*
- 17           *S167 - Precinct 167 48 District*
- 18           *S168 - Precinct 168 48 District*
- 19           *VI02 - Precinct 102 36 District*
- 20           *VI03 - Precinct 103 36 District*
- 21           *VI04 - Precinct 104 36 District*
- 22           *VI05 - Precinct 105 36 District*
- 23           *VI07 - Precinct 107 36 District*
- 24           *VI08 - Precinct 108 36 District*
- 25           *VI09 - Precinct 109 36 District*
- 26           *VI10 - Precinct 110 36 District*
- 27           *VI11 - Precinct 111 36 District*

- 1            *VI12 - Precinct 112 36 District*
- 2            *VI13 - Precinct 113 36 District*
- 3            *VI14 - Precinct 114 36 District*
- 4            *VI16 - Precinct 116 36 District*
- 5            *VI17 - Precinct 117 36 District*
- 6            *VI18 - Precinct 118 36 District*
- 7            *VI19 - Precinct 119 36 District*
- 8            *VI20 - Precinct 120 36 District*
- 9            *VI21 - Precinct 121 36 District*
- 10           *VI22 - Precinct 122 36 District*
- 11           *VI23 - Precinct 123 36 District*
- 12           *VI24 - Precinct 124 36 District*
- 13           *VI25 - Precinct 125 36 District*
- 14           *VI26 - Precinct 126 36 District*
- 15           *VI27 - Precinct 127 36 District*
- 16           *VI28 - Precinct 128 36 District*
- 17           *VI29 - Precinct 129 36 District*
- 18           *VI30 - Precinct 130 36 District*
- 19           *VI31 - Precinct 131 36 District*
- 20           *VI32 - Precinct 132 36 District*

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

- 22           *C101 - Precinct 101 30 District*
- 23           *C102 - Precinct 102 30 District*
- 24           *C103 - Precinct 103 30 District*
- 25           *C104 - Precinct 104 30 District*
- 26           *C105 - Precinct 105 30 District*
- 27           *C106 - Precinct 106 30 District*

- 1            *C108 - Precinct 108 30 District*
- 2            *C109 - Precinct 109 30 District*
- 3            *C110 - Precinct 110 30 District*
- 4            *C111 - Precinct 111 30 District*
- 5            *C113 - Precinct 113 30 District*
- 6            *C125 - Precinct 125 30 District*
- 7            *C126 - Precinct 126 30 District*
- 8            *C143 - Precinct 143 30 District*
- 9            *G103 - Precinct 103 34 District*
- 10           *G104 - Precinct 104 34 District*
- 11           *G106 - Precinct 106 34 District*
- 12           *G107 - Precinct 107 34 District*
- 13           *G108 - Precinct 108 34 District*
- 14           *G109 - Precinct 109 34 District*
- 15           *G111 - Precinct 111 34 District*
- 16           *G112 - Precinct 112 34 District*
- 17           *G116 - Precinct 116 34 District*
- 18           *G117 - Precinct 117 34 District*
- 19           *G119 - Precinct 119 34 District*
- 20           *G120 - Precinct 120 34 District*
- 21           *G121 - Precinct 121 34 District*
- 22           *G122 - Precinct 122 34 District*
- 23           *G123 - Precinct 123 34 District*
- 24           *G124 - Precinct 124 34 District*
- 25           *G143 - Precinct 143 34 District*
- 26           *H102 - Precinct 102 35 District*
- 27           *H103 - Precinct 103 35 District*

- 1            *H105 - Precinct 105 35 District*
- 2            *H106 - Precinct 106 35 District*
- 3            *H109 - Precinct 109 35 District*
- 4            *H110 - Precinct 110 35 District*
- 5            *H111 - Precinct 111 35 District*
- 6            *H112 - Precinct 112 35 District*
- 7            *H113 - Precinct 113 35 District*
- 8            *H114 - Precinct 114 35 District*
- 9            *H115 - Precinct 115 35 District*
- 10           *H116 - Precinct 116 35 District*
- 11           *H117 - Precinct 117 35 District*
- 12           *H118 - Precinct 118 35 District*
- 13           *H120 - Precinct 120 35 District*
- 14           *H121 - Precinct 121 35 District*
- 15           *H123 - Precinct 123 35 District*
- 16           *H124 - Precinct 124 35 District*
- 17           *H125 - Precinct 125 35 District*
- 18           *H126 - Precinct 126 35 District*
- 19           *H127 - Precinct 127 35 District*
- 20           *H130 - Precinct 130 35 District*
- 21           *H131 - Precinct 131 35 District*
- 22           *H132 - Precinct 132 35 District*
- 23           *H133 - Precinct 133 35 District*
- 24           *H141 - Precinct 141 35 District*
- 25           *H146 - Precinct 146 35 District*
- 26           *H150 - Precinct 150 35 District*
- 27           *H151 - Precinct 151 35 District*

- 1            *H152 - Precinct 152 35 District*
- 2            *H153 - Precinct 153 35 District*
- 3            *H154 - Precinct 154 35 District*
- 4            *H155 - Precinct 155 35 District*
- 5            *H157 - Precinct 157 35 District*
- 6            *H158 - Precinct 158 35 District*
- 7            *H161 - Precinct 161 35 District*
- 8            *I109 - Precinct 109 37 District*
- 9            *I112 - Precinct 112 37 District*
- 10           *I115 - Precinct 115 37 District*
- 11           *I120 - Precinct 120 37 District*
- 12           *I122 - Precinct 122 37 District*
- 13           *I123 - Precinct 123 37 District*
- 14           *J108 - Precinct 108 38 District*
- 15           *J111 - Precinct 111 38 District*
- 16           *J113 - Precinct 113 38 District*
- 17           *J114 - Precinct 114 38 District*
- 18           *J117 - Precinct 117 38 District*
- 19           *J119 - Precinct 119 38 District*
- 20           *J120 - Precinct 120 38 District*
- 21           *J140 - Precinct 140 38 District*
- 22           *J148 - Precinct 148 38 District*
- 23           *J149 - Precinct 149 38 District*
- 24           *J150 - Precinct 150 38 District*
- 25           *J151 - Precinct 151 38 District*
- 26           *K105 - Precinct 105 40 District*
- 27           *K129 - Precinct 129 40 District*

- 1            *K133 - Precinct 133 40 District*
- 2            *K134 - Precinct 134 40 District*
- 3            *K135 - Precinct 135 40 District*
- 4            *K141 - Precinct 141 40 District*
- 5            *K149 - Precinct 149 40 District*
- 6            *L110 - Precinct 110 41 District*
- 7            *L111 - Precinct 111 41 District*
- 8            *L112 - Precinct 112 41 District*
- 9            *L113 - Precinct 113 41 District*
- 10           *L115 - Precinct 115 41 District*
- 11           *L117 - Precinct 117 41 District*
- 12           *L143 - Precinct 143 41 District*
- 13           *L155 - Precinct 155 41 District*
- 14           *L163 - Precinct 163 41 District*
- 15           *L164 - Precinct 164 41 District*
- 16           *M123 - Precinct 123 42 District*
- 17           *M124 - Precinct 124 42 District*
- 18           *M131 - Precinct 131 42 District*
- 19           *M139 - Precinct 139 42 District*
- 20           *M140 - Precinct 140 42 District*
- 21           *M141 - Precinct 141 42 District*
- 22           *M142 - Precinct 142 42 District*
- 23           *M143 - Precinct 143 42 District*
- 24           *M144 - Precinct 144 42 District*
- 25           *M145 - Precinct 145 42 District*
- 26           *M146 - Precinct 146 42 District*
- 27           *M147 - Precinct 147 42 District*

1 *M150 - Precinct 150 42 District*

2 *M159 - Precinct 159 42 District*

3 *M160 - Precinct 160 42 District*

4 *M162 - Precinct 162 42 District*

5 *M163 - Precinct 163 42 District*

6 *M165 - Precinct 165 42 District*

7 *M168 - Precinct 168 42 District*

8 *M172 - Precinct 172 42 District*

9 *M174 - Precinct 174 42 District*

10 *M175 - Precinct 175 42 District*

11 *N134 - Precinct 134 43 District*

12 *N135 - Precinct 135 43 District*

13 *Q101 - Precinct 101 46 District*

14 *Q103 - Precinct 103 46 District*

15 *Q104 - Precinct 104 46 District*

16 *Q105 - Precinct 105 46 District*

17 *Q122 - Precinct 122 46 District*

18 *Q123 - Precinct 123 46 District*

19 *Q124 - Precinct 124 46 District*

20 *Q127 - Precinct 127 46 District*

21 *Q134 - Precinct 134 46 District*

22 *Q136 - Precinct 136 46 District*

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

24 *B132 - Precinct 132 29 District*

25 *B151 - Precinct 151 29 District*

26 *B155 - Precinct 155 29 District*

27 *B170 - Precinct 170 29 District*

- 1            *B181 - Precinct 181 29 District*
- 2            *B182 - Precinct 182 29 District*
- 3            *B185 - Precinct 185 29 District*
- 4            *CI15 - Precinct 115 30 District*
- 5            *CI22 - Precinct 122 30 District*
- 6            *CI23 - Precinct 123 30 District*
- 7            *CI24 - Precinct 124 30 District*
- 8            *CI28 - Precinct 128 30 District*
- 9            *CI29 - Precinct 129 30 District*
- 10           *CI30 - Precinct 130 30 District*
- 11           *CI31 - Precinct 131 30 District*
- 12           *CI33 - Precinct 133 30 District*
- 13           *CI34 - Precinct 134 30 District*
- 14           *CI35 - Precinct 135 30 District*
- 15           *CI36 - Precinct 136 30 District*
- 16           *CI37 - Precinct 137 30 District*
- 17           *CI38 - Precinct 138 30 District*
- 18           *CI39 - Precinct 139 30 District*
- 19           *CI41 - Precinct 141 30 District*
- 20           *CI42 - Precinct 142 30 District*
- 21           *CI44 - Precinct 144 30 District*
- 22           *CI45 - Precinct 145 30 District*
- 23           *CI46 - Precinct 146 30 District*
- 24           *CI47 - Precinct 147 30 District*
- 25           *CI48 - Precinct 148 30 District*
- 26           *CI49 - Precinct 149 30 District*
- 27           *CI50 - Precinct 150 30 District*

- 1            *C151 - Precinct 151 30 District*
- 2            *D101 - Precinct 101 31 District*
- 3            *D104 - Precinct 104 31 District*
- 4            *D106 - Precinct 106 31 District*
- 5            *D108 - Precinct 108 31 District*
- 6            *D109 - Precinct 109 31 District*
- 7            *D110 - Precinct 110 31 District*
- 8            *D113 - Precinct 113 31 District*
- 9            *D114 - Precinct 114 31 District*
- 10           *D115 - Precinct 115 31 District*
- 11           *D116 - Precinct 116 31 District*
- 12           *D117 - Precinct 117 31 District*
- 13           *D120 - Precinct 120 31 District*
- 14           *D121 - Precinct 121 31 District*
- 15           *D122 - Precinct 122 31 District*
- 16           *D126 - Precinct 126 31 District*
- 17           *D129 - Precinct 129 31 District*
- 18           *D130 - Precinct 130 31 District*
- 19           *D131 - Precinct 131 31 District*
- 20           *D132 - Precinct 132 31 District*
- 21           *D135 - Precinct 135 31 District*
- 22           *D136 - Precinct 136 31 District*
- 23           *D137 - Precinct 137 31 District*
- 24           *D138 - Precinct 138 31 District*
- 25           *D139 - Precinct 139 31 District*
- 26           *D140 - Precinct 140 31 District*
- 27           *D141 - Precinct 141 31 District*

- 1            *D142 - Precinct 142 31 District*
- 2            *D144 - Precinct 144 31 District*
- 3            *D145 - Precinct 145 31 District*
- 4            *E139 - Precinct 139 32 District*
- 5            *E141 - Precinct 141 32 District*
- 6            *E142 - Precinct 142 32 District*
- 7            *E143 - Precinct 143 32 District*
- 8            *E144 - Precinct 144 32 District*
- 9            *E154 - Precinct 154 32 District*
- 10           *E155 - Precinct 155 32 District*
- 11           *E157 - Precinct 157 32 District*
- 12           *E158 - Precinct 158 32 District*
- 13           *E159 - Precinct 159 32 District*
- 14           *E161 - Precinct 161 32 District*
- 15           *E162 - Precinct 162 32 District*
- 16           *E163 - Precinct 163 32 District*
- 17           *E164 - Precinct 164 32 District*
- 18           *E165 - Precinct 165 32 District*
- 19           *E166 - Precinct 166 32 District*
- 20           *E167 - Precinct 167 32 District*
- 21           *E168 - Precinct 168 32 District*
- 22           *E169 - Precinct 169 32 District*
- 23           *E171 - Precinct 171 32 District*
- 24           *E173 - Precinct 173 32 District*
- 25           *E175 - Precinct 175 32 District*
- 26           *E176 - Precinct 176 32 District*
- 27           *E177 - Precinct 177 32 District*

- 1            *E178 - Precinct 178 32 District*
- 2            *E179 - Precinct 179 32 District*
- 3            *E180 - Precinct 180 32 District*
- 4            *E183 - Precinct 183 32 District*
- 5            *E185 - Precinct 185 32 District*
- 6            *G126 - Precinct 126 34 District*
- 7            *G129 - Precinct 129 34 District*
- 8            *G140 - Precinct 140 34 District*
- 9            *G141 - Precinct 141 34 District*
- 10           *G142 - Precinct 142 34 District*
- 11           *G144 - Precinct 144 34 District*
- 12           *G145 - Precinct 145 34 District*
- 13           *G146 - Precinct 146 34 District*
- 14           *G147 - Precinct 147 34 District*
- 15           *G148 - Precinct 148 34 District*
- 16           *G149 - Precinct 149 34 District*
- 17           *G150 - Precinct 150 34 District*
- 18           *G151 - Precinct 151 34 District*
- 19           *G154 - Precinct 154 34 District*
- 20           *G155 - Precinct 155 34 District*
- 21           *G156 - Precinct 156 34 District*
- 22           *G157 - Precinct 157 34 District*
- 23           *G158 - Precinct 158 34 District*
- 24           *G159 - Precinct 159 34 District*
- 25           *G160 - Precinct 160 34 District*
- 26           *G161 - Precinct 161 34 District*
- 27           *G162 - Precinct 162 34 District*

- 1            *G163 - Precinct 163 34 District*
- 2            *G164 - Precinct 164 34 District*
- 3            *G165 - Precinct 165 34 District*
- 4            *G166 - Precinct 166 34 District*
- 5            *G167 - Precinct 167 34 District*
- 6            *G168 - Precinct 168 34 District*
- 7            *G169 - Precinct 169 34 District*
- 8            *L119 - Precinct 119 41 District*
- 9            *L134 - Precinct 134 41 District*
- 10           *L135 - Precinct 135 41 District*
- 11           *L136 - Precinct 136 41 District*
- 12           *L138 - Precinct 138 41 District*
- 13           *L139 - Precinct 139 41 District*
- 14           *L146 - Precinct 146 41 District*
- 15           *L151 - Precinct 151 41 District*
- 16           *L152 - Precinct 152 41 District*
- 17           *L153 - Precinct 153 41 District*
- 18           *M137 - Precinct 137 42 District*
- 19           *M138 - Precinct 138 42 District*
- 20           *M164 - Precinct 164 42 District*
- 21           *N125 - Precinct 125 43 District*
- 22           *N142 - Precinct 142 43 District*
- 23           *N143 - Precinct 143 43 District*
- 24           *N144 - Precinct 144 43 District*
- 25           *N146 - Precinct 146 43 District*
- 26           *Q107 - Precinct 107 46 District*
- 27           *Q137 - Precinct 137 46 District*

1           *Q138 - Precinct 138 46 District*

2           *V101 - Precinct 101 36 District*

3           *V106 - Precinct 106 36 District*

4           *V115 - Precinct 115 36 District*

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

6           *A141 - Precinct 141 28 District*

7           *I107 - Precinct 107 37 District*

8           *I110 - Precinct 110 37 District*

9           *I111 - Precinct 111 37 District*

10          *I140 - Precinct 140 37 District*

11          *J101 - Precinct 101 38 District*

12          *J104 - Precinct 104 38 District*

13          *J105 - Precinct 105 38 District*

14          *J107 - Precinct 107 38 District*

15          *J130 - Precinct 130 38 District*

16          *J146 - Precinct 146 38 District*

17          *J147 - Precinct 147 38 District*

18          *J154 - Precinct 154 38 District*

19          *K104 - Precinct 104 40 District*

20          *K110 - Precinct 110 40 District*

21          *K111 - Precinct 111 40 District*

22          *K112 - Precinct 112 40 District*

23          *K113 - Precinct 113 40 District*

24          *K114 - Precinct 114 40 District*

25          *K116 - Precinct 116 40 District*

26          *K117 - Precinct 117 40 District*

27          *K118 - Precinct 118 40 District*

- 1            *K119 - Precinct 119 40 District*
- 2            *K122 - Precinct 122 40 District*
- 3            *K123 - Precinct 123 40 District*
- 4            *K125 - Precinct 125 40 District*
- 5            *K126 - Precinct 126 40 District*
- 6            *K127 - Precinct 127 40 District*
- 7            *K128 - Precinct 128 40 District*
- 8            *K130 - Precinct 130 40 District*
- 9            *K131 - Precinct 131 40 District*
- 10           *K132 - Precinct 132 40 District*
- 11           *K136 - Precinct 136 40 District*
- 12           *K137 - Precinct 137 40 District*
- 13           *K138 - Precinct 138 40 District*
- 14           *K139 - Precinct 139 40 District*
- 15           *K140 - Precinct 140 40 District*
- 16           *K142 - Precinct 142 40 District*
- 17           *K143 - Precinct 143 40 District*
- 18           *K144 - Precinct 144 40 District*
- 19           *K145 - Precinct 145 40 District*
- 20           *K146 - Precinct 146 40 District*
- 21           *K147 - Precinct 147 40 District*
- 22           *K148 - Precinct 148 40 District*
- 23           *K150 - Precinct 150 40 District*
- 24           *K151 - Precinct 151 40 District*
- 25           *L104 - Precinct 104 41 District*
- 26           *L108 - Precinct 108 41 District*
- 27           *L140 - Precinct 140 41 District*

- 1            *L141 - Precinct 141 41 District*
- 2            *L142 - Precinct 142 41 District*
- 3            *L144 - Precinct 144 41 District*
- 4            *L145 - Precinct 145 41 District*
- 5            *L147 - Precinct 147 41 District*
- 6            *L148 - Precinct 148 41 District*
- 7            *L149 - Precinct 149 41 District*
- 8            *L150 - Precinct 150 41 District*
- 9            *L154 - Precinct 154 41 District*
- 10           *L156 - Precinct 156 41 District*
- 11           *L157 - Precinct 157 41 District*
- 12           *L158 - Precinct 158 41 District*
- 13           *L159 - Precinct 159 41 District*
- 14           *L160 - Precinct 160 41 District*
- 15           *L161 - Precinct 161 41 District*
- 16           *L162 - Precinct 162 41 District*
- 17           *M102 - Precinct 102 42 District*
- 18           *M103 - Precinct 103 42 District*
- 19           *M104 - Precinct 104 42 District*
- 20           *M105 - Precinct 105 42 District*
- 21           *M107 - Precinct 107 42 District*
- 22           *M110 - Precinct 110 42 District*
- 23           *M121 - Precinct 121 42 District*
- 24           *M129 - Precinct 129 42 District*
- 25           *M130 - Precinct 130 42 District*
- 26           *M133 - Precinct 133 42 District*
- 27           *M148 - Precinct 148 42 District*

- 1            *M149 - Precinct 149 42 District*
- 2            *M166 - Precinct 166 42 District*
- 3            *M167 - Precinct 167 42 District*
- 4            *M169 - Precinct 169 42 District*
- 5            *M170 - Precinct 170 42 District*
- 6            *M171 - Precinct 171 42 District*
- 7            *M173 - Precinct 173 42 District*
- 8            *N101 - Precinct 101 43 District*
- 9            *N102 - Precinct 102 43 District*
- 10           *N103 - Precinct 103 43 District*
- 11           *N104 - Precinct 104 43 District*
- 12           *N105 - Precinct 105 43 District*
- 13           *N106 - Precinct 106 43 District*
- 14           *N107 - Precinct 107 43 District*
- 15           *N108 - Precinct 108 43 District*
- 16           *N109 - Precinct 109 43 District*
- 17           *N110 - Precinct 110 43 District*
- 18           *N111 - Precinct 111 43 District*
- 19           *N112 - Precinct 112 43 District*
- 20           *N113 - Precinct 113 43 District*
- 21           *N115 - Precinct 115 43 District*
- 22           *N117 - Precinct 117 43 District*
- 23           *N124 - Precinct 124 43 District*
- 24           *N127 - Precinct 127 43 District*
- 25           *N128 - Precinct 128 43 District*
- 26           *N136 - Precinct 136 43 District*
- 27           *N137 - Precinct 137 43 District*

- 1            *N138 - Precinct 138 43 District*
- 2            *N139 - Precinct 139 43 District*
- 3            *N145 - Precinct 145 43 District*
- 4            *N147 - Precinct 147 43 District*
- 5            *N148 - Precinct 148 43 District*
- 6            *N149 - Precinct 149 43 District*
- 7            *N150 - Precinct 150 43 District*
- 8            *O105 - Precinct 105 44 District*
- 9            *O107 - Precinct 107 44 District*
- 10           *O109 - Precinct 109 44 District*
- 11           *O111 - Precinct 111 44 District*
- 12           *O112 - Precinct 112 44 District*
- 13           *O113 - Precinct 113 44 District*
- 14           *O114 - Precinct 114 44 District*
- 15           *O115 - Precinct 115 44 District*
- 16           *O117 - Precinct 117 44 District*
- 17           *O119 - Precinct 119 44 District*
- 18           *O121 - Precinct 121 44 District*
- 19           *O123 - Precinct 123 44 District*
- 20           *O124 - Precinct 124 44 District*
- 21           *O126 - Precinct 126 44 District*
- 22           *O127 - Precinct 127 44 District*
- 23           *O128 - Precinct 128 44 District*
- 24           *O129 - Precinct 129 44 District*
- 25           *O130 - Precinct 130 44 District*
- 26           *O131 - Precinct 131 44 District*
- 27           *O136 - Precinct 136 44 District*

1 *O137 - Precinct 137 44 District*

2 *O138 - Precinct 138 44 District*

3 *O139 - Precinct 139 44 District*

4 *(2) Any precinct listed in this section that is redrawn, adjusted, or eliminated by local*  
 5 *officials following the implementation of the 2022 state legislative redistricting*  
 6 *plan, and the change is not reflected in this section, shall be modified by the*  
 7 *county board of elections. All actions taken by the county board of elections*  
 8 *under this subsection shall be to ensure that minimal changes are made that*  
 9 *allow the divisions to fall within a five percent (5%) population deviation.*

10 → Section 13. KRS 156.132 is amended to read as follows:

11 *(1) (a)* As used in this *subsection*~~[section]~~, except *in paragraph (b) of this*  
 12 *subsection*~~[(1)]~~, "public school officer" means a person who previously  
 13 served as a superintendent of schools during which time charges were brought  
 14 against him *or her* under this section.

15 *(b)*~~[(1)]~~ The chief state school officer shall recommend, by written charges to the  
 16 proper school authorities having immediate jurisdiction, the removal of any  
 17 superintendent of schools, principal, teacher, member of a school council, or  
 18 other public school officer as to whom he *or she* has reason to believe is  
 19 guilty of immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, willful neglect of  
 20 duty, or nonfeasance. In the case of a member of a school council, the written  
 21 charges shall be provided to the local board of education.

22 *(c)*~~[(2)]~~ The chief state school officer shall recommend by written charges the  
 23 suspension by the Kentucky Board of Education of any superintendent of  
 24 schools or other public school officer whom he *or she* has reason to believe is  
 25 guilty of immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, willful neglect of  
 26 duty, or nonfeasance. If the charges brought under this *paragraph*~~[subsection]~~  
 27 represent an immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the

1 Kentucky Board of Education shall summarily suspend the person against  
2 whom the charges are made. The action by the Kentucky Board of Education  
3 may be taken upon a recommendation of the chief state school officer, or the  
4 action may be taken by a majority vote of the Kentucky Board of Education  
5 without recommendation from the chief state school officer.

6 ~~(d)(3)~~ The Kentucky Board of Education may suspend a district superintendent  
7 of schools or other public school officer under paragraph (c) of this  
8 subsection~~[subsection (2) of this section]~~ or remove him or her pursuant to  
9 paragraph (f) of this subsection~~[(5) of this section]~~ only if, after thirty (30)  
10 days of receipt of the written charges specified in subsection (1) of this  
11 section, the proper school authorities having immediate jurisdiction, either the  
12 superintendent or the district board of education, have refused to act, have  
13 acted in bad faith, arbitrarily, or capriciously, or if a recommendation to the  
14 district board would have been futile.

15 ~~(e)(4)~~ Any officer suspended by the Kentucky Board of Education under  
16 paragraph (c) of this subsection~~[(2) of this section]~~ shall be furnished with  
17 an emergency order specifying in detail the reasons for suspension and  
18 notifying the officer of his or her right to appeal the action and have an  
19 emergency hearing pursuant to KRS 13B.125.

20 ~~(f)(5)~~ As an alternative to first seeking suspension, the chief state school  
21 officer may recommend by written charges the removal by the Kentucky  
22 Board of Education of any superintendent of schools or other public school  
23 officer whom he or she has reason to believe is guilty of immorality,  
24 misconduct in office, incompetency, willful neglect of duty, or nonfeasance.  
25 The officer against whom the written charges are issued by the chief state  
26 school officer shall be furnished with the written charges and notice of  
27 procedural rights conferred under KRS Chapter 13B. Within twenty (20) days

1 after receipt of the charges, the officer may notify the Kentucky Board of  
2 Education of his or her intention to appear and answer the charges. Upon  
3 appeal, an administrative hearing shall be conducted in accordance with KRS  
4 Chapter 13B. If the officer fails to notify the board of his or her intention to  
5 appear and answer the charges, the Kentucky Board of Education may remove  
6 the officer by a majority vote, and the dismissal shall be final.

7 ~~(g)(6)~~ The hearing shall be public or private at the discretion of the accused  
8 former or current superintendent and shall be public when testimony is taken  
9 for board members.

10 ~~(h)(7)~~ The Kentucky Board of Education may meet in closed session to  
11 consider the evidence and may by a majority vote remove the officer. If the  
12 board votes to remove the officer, the board shall prepare final order  
13 specifying which charge or charges it found to be the basis for removal. If  
14 within ninety (90) days from the date of suspension if applicable, the state  
15 board has not removed the officer, or has dismissed the charges, the  
16 suspended officer shall be reinstated and shall be paid his or her full salary for  
17 the period of suspension.

18 ~~(i)(8)~~ The officer shall have a right to appeal on the record to the Circuit Court  
19 located in the county of the school district in accordance with KRS Chapter  
20 13B. If the decision of the court is against removal, the officer shall be paid  
21 his or her full salary from the date of suspension. The payment shall be made  
22 from funds appropriated to the State Department of Education.

23 ~~(j)(9)~~ If a superintendent of schools is removed from office or resigns while  
24 charges are pending pursuant to this section~~[ after July 15, 1994]~~, any  
25 continuing contract pursuant to KRS 161.720 to 161.810 shall be terminated.  
26 If the removal is reversed upon appeal, the continuing contract shall be  
27 restored and he or she shall be paid his or her full salary for the period of

1 suspension.

2 **(2) In large school districts, the appointing authority may remove a member of the**  
 3 **board of education appointed in accordance with subsection (5) of Section 11 of**  
 4 **this Act for cause, including but not limited to malfeasance, misfeasance,**  
 5 **incompetence, or gross neglect of duty.**

6 ➔Section 14. KRS 160.042 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Upon a merger under the provisions of KRS 160.040 and 160.041 of an  
 8 independent school district in a city of the first class with a county school district in  
 9 counties containing a city of the first class, the members of the county board of  
 10 education of the merged county school district, shall be elected pursuant to KRS  
 11 160.200 and 160.210.

12 (2) Each member of the respective boards of education at the time of the merger of the  
 13 districts, may continue to hold office until the expiration of his or her term of office,  
 14 ~~except as provided in KRS 160.200(4);~~ but any vacancy occurring among such  
 15 members for any reason shall not be filled.

16 ➔Section 15. KRS 160.240 is amended to read as follows:

17 ~~{(1)} The general election laws shall apply to all elections of school board members{.~~

18 ~~(2) In school districts embracing designated cities, the expense of the election shall be~~  
 19 ~~paid by the city from its general funds. In all other districts the expense shall be~~  
 20 ~~paid by the fiscal court out of its general funds.~~

21 ~~(3) As used in this section, "designated city" has the same meaning as in KRS~~  
 22 ~~160.020].~~

23 ➔Section 16. KRS 304.48-250 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) If the assets of a liability self-insurance group are at any time insufficient to enable  
 25 the group to discharge its legal liabilities, other obligations, and to maintain the  
 26 required reserves under this subtitle, the group shall immediately levy an  
 27 assessment upon its members for the amount necessary to make up the deficiency.

- 1 (2) If there is a deficiency in any fund year, the deficiency shall be made up  
2 immediately, from the following:
- 3 (a) Surplus from a fund year other than the current fund year after prior notice of  
4 the transfer has been given to the commissioner;
  - 5 (b) Administrative funds;
  - 6 (c) Assessment of membership; or
  - 7 (d) Alternate methods as the commissioner may direct or approve.
- 8 (3) If a liability self-insurance group fails to assess its members within thirty (30) days  
9 to make up a deficit, the commissioner shall order it to do so. This subsection shall  
10 not apply to liability self-insurance groups formed by governmental entities which  
11 do not have joint and several liability.
- 12 (4) If a liability self-insurance group fails to make the required assessment of its  
13 members within thirty (30) days after the commissioner orders it to do so, or if the  
14 deficiency is not fully made up within sixty (60) days after the date on which the  
15 assessment is made, or within a longer period of time as may be permitted by the  
16 commissioner, the group shall be determined to be insolvent and may be placed in  
17 delinquency proceedings as an insurer pursuant to Subtitle 33 of this chapter.
- 18 (5) (a) Governmental entities that:
- 19 1. Participate or have participated in a liability self-insurance group  
20 authorized by this subtitle; and
  - 21 2. Are assessed by the liability self-insurance group to cover an accrued  
22 deficit;
- 23 may finance the payment of the assessment over a period not to exceed twenty  
24 (20) years.
- 25 (b) Financing obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection may be  
26 accomplished by:
- 27 1. The issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations; or

1           2.    A lease, installment payment agreement, or other similar agreement.

2           (c)   If the governmental entity fails to make a scheduled payment on the financing  
3           obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, any payments due to  
4           that governmental entity shall be withheld or intercepted using the process  
5           established in KRS 160.160~~(7)~~~~[(6)]~~.

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

9           ➔Section 17.   KRS 304.50-055 is amended to read as follows:

10          (1)   As used in this section, "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" or  
11          "NRSRO" means a credit rating agency approved by the United States Securities  
12          and Exchange Commission to provide assessments of the creditworthiness of  
13          financial instruments.

14          (2)   A workers' compensation self-insured group shall establish plans for premium  
15          payment, determination and collection of assessments, and for declaration and  
16          payment of dividends or other disbursements, which shall be filed for prior  
17          approval with the commissioner. Any change in the plans for premium payment,  
18          assessments, or dividends shall be filed for prior approval with the commissioner.  
19          Approval of plans for assessments and dividends does not constitute approval of  
20          any particular assessment or dividend by the commissioner.

21          (3)   Prior to the inception of each group member's self-insurance year, the trustees shall  
22          collect from that member at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated  
23          premium for the ensuing year, except that in the case of a self-insured group formed  
24          by governmental entities twenty-five percent (25%) of the estimated premium for  
25          the ensuing year shall be collected no later than thirty (30) days after the beginning  
26          of the self-insured group's self-insurance year. The balance of the estimated  
27          premium shall be collected in either quarterly or monthly installments as set forth in

1 the enabling documents described in KRS 304.50-030(2)(b) or 304.50-060(2)(b).  
2 Each group member's payroll shall be audited annually and an adjustment to  
3 premium shall be made accordingly.

4 (4) A disbursement from a workers' compensation self-insured group fund shall be for  
5 a purpose related to the self-insured group. A dividend shall not be approved or  
6 paid until at least thirty-six (36) months after the expiration of the self-insurance  
7 year and shall be paid from surplus funds not required for payment of claims or  
8 other liabilities. The dividends shall be paid or credited to members according to the  
9 reasonable classifications the trustees may establish. A dividend shall not be paid  
10 which unfairly discriminates between members of the same classifications. A  
11 dividend plan shall specify whether past group members are eligible for the  
12 dividend. Payment of a dividend under a dividend plan shall not be made unless the  
13 self-insured group has notified the commissioner of its intent to make a dividend  
14 payment at least thirty (30) days prior to the payment, and the commissioner has not  
15 disapproved the payment within that time.

16 (5) The formula to be used for collection of assessments shall be determined by the  
17 trustees and approved by the commissioner. Assessments shall be fair and equitable  
18 and shall not unfairly discriminate between members of the same classification.

19 (6) A trustee, fiscal agent, or service organization shall not utilize an asset of the self-  
20 insured group for a purpose unrelated to workers' compensation. The trustees shall  
21 maintain cash or cash equivalent accounts as may be prudently necessary to pay  
22 expenses without having to liquidate long-term investments.

23 (7) The trustees may invest funds in:

24 (a) United States Government bonds, United States Treasury notes, Treasury  
25 bills, or other direct obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the  
26 United States Government or its agencies;

27 (b) Tax exempt and taxable obligations issued by any state or any of its agencies,

- 1 counties, cities, municipalities, districts, political subdivisions, or other legal  
2 authorities within the United States of America with a minimum rating of  
3 "BBB" by any NRSRO, except that no less than fifty percent (50%) of the  
4 investments made under this paragraph shall be in obligations issued by the  
5 Commonwealth, its agencies, or a county, city district, municipality, political  
6 subdivision, or other legal authority within the Commonwealth;
- 7 (c) Investment share accounts in a savings and loan association in the  
8 Commonwealth whose deposits are insured by a federal agency;
- 9 (d) Certificates of deposit if issued by a duly chartered commercial bank;
- 10 (e) 1. At the time of purchase, equity securities actively traded on the New  
11 York or NASDAQ Stock Exchanges or other registered national  
12 securities exchanges with no individual equity holding comprising  
13 greater than ten percent (10%) of the equity portion of the portfolio  
14 reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial  
15 condition on file with the commissioner.
- 16 2. An investment in an individual equity holding shall not represent at the  
17 time of purchase more than five percent (5%) of the total market value  
18 of the security.
- 19 3. At the time of purchase, investments in equity securities shall not exceed  
20 twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of the investment  
21 portfolio of the self-insured group reflected on the most recent quarterly  
22 or annual statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner;
- 23 (f) Corporate bonds if:
- 24 1. The bond is issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a solvent institution  
25 created or existing under the laws of the United States, or a state,  
26 province, district, or territory;
- 27 2. At the time of purchase, the corporate bond investments do not exceed

- 1                   twenty-five percent (25%) of the total market value of the investment  
2                   portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual statement of  
3                   financial condition on file with the commissioner; and
- 4                   3.    The bond has a minimum rating of "BBB" by any NRSRO;
- 5                   (g) At the time of purchase, mutual funds and exchange traded funds if the  
6                   investments do not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of  
7                   the investment portfolio reflected on the most recent quarterly or annual  
8                   statement of financial condition on file with the commissioner; and
- 9                   (h) Asset-backed securities if:
- 10                   1.   The bond is issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a solvent institution  
11                   created or existing under the laws of the United States, or a state,  
12                   province, district, or territory;
- 13                   2.   The asset-backed security investments do not exceed ten percent (10%)  
14                   of the total market value of the investment portfolio reflected on the  
15                   most recent quarterly or annual statement of financial condition on file  
16                   with the commissioner; and
- 17                   3.   The bond has a minimum rating of "BBB" by any NRSRO.
- 18                   (8) Of the aggregate investments made by the trustees of the self-insured group under  
19                   this section:
- 20                   (a) Not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total market value of the entire  
21                   investment portfolio shall be held in cash, cash equivalents, or securities as  
22                   described in subsection (7)(a) to (d) of this section; and
- 23                   (b) A minimum of five percent (5%) of the total investment portfolio value shall  
24                   be maintained in cash or cash equivalent accounts or United States Treasury  
25                   and Federal Agency Securities with a remaining maturity of one (1) year or  
26                   less.
- 27                   (9) In the event that any security investment authorized by subsection (7) of this section

1 is downgraded below "BBB," the workers' compensation self-insurance group shall  
2 divest itself of that investment as prudently as possible without incurring  
3 unnecessary losses.

4 (10) The commissioner may permit variation from the requirements of this section for  
5 good cause.

6 (11) (a) Governmental entities that:

7 1. Participate or have participated in a workers' compensation self-insured  
8 group authorized by this subtitle; and

9 2. Are assessed by the workers' compensation self-insured group to cover  
10 an accrued deficit;

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

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

15 1. The issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations; or

16 2. A lease, installment payment agreement, or other similar agreement.

17 (c) If the governmental entity fails to make a scheduled payment on the financing  
18 obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, any payments due to  
19 that governmental entity shall be withheld or intercepted using the process  
20 established in KRS 160.160~~(7)~~~~(6)~~.

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

24 ➔Section 18. Notwithstanding the terms established for appointed members of a  
25 local board of education of a large school district under subsection (5) of Section 11 of  
26 this Act, the initial appointments made by the State Treasurer shall be made by  
27 September 1, 2026.

1           ➔Section 19. If in carrying out Section 11 of this Act, the number of board of  
2 education members of a large school district is reduced, then the reduction shall be made  
3 by reducing the number of members subject to election at the next regular election.

4           ➔Section 20. (1) Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, for any large school  
5 district that has seven board of education members on the effective date of this section of  
6 this Act, the assignment of the seven members to the five divisions shall be as provided  
7 under this section.

8           (2) For any division in which:

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

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

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

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

19           (4) Any further setting of divisions or setting of the member representing a  
20 division shall be conducted in accordance with Section 11 of this Act and as otherwise  
21 provided for in statute.

22           ➔Section 21. Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements established in  
23 subsection (2)(h) of Section 8 of this Act, a person who was elected or appointed to a  
24 board of education prior to the effective date of Section 8 of this Act shall remain eligible  
25 for the office for the remainder of the term to which he or she was elected or appointed.  
26 The person shall not be subsequently eligible to serve a new term on a board of  
27 education, or eligible to be a candidate for election or appointment to a new term on a

1 board of education, unless that person meets all the requirements of Section 8 of this Act.

2       ➔Section 22. By November 1, 2026, the Kentucky Department of Education shall  
3 submit to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate interim  
4 joint committees a plan for the implementation of each year of the practicum described in  
5 Section 1 of this Act that includes any minimum requirements for successful completion  
6 that the department will require and any statutory amendments the department needs for  
7 implementation of the practicum. The plan shall also include both the existing trainings  
8 and any additional professional learning approved for development by the Kentucky  
9 Board of Education, along with the purpose of the additional professional learning, under  
10 subsection (2)(d)3. and 4. of Section 1 of this Act.

11       ➔Section 23. Whereas timely elections and appointments are critically important  
12 to the operation of large school districts, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections  
13 5 to 21 of this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its  
14 otherwise becoming a law.