

1 AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the
2 Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

4 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Branch Budget is as follows:

PART I

OPERATING BUDGET

7 **Funds Appropriations:** Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research
8 Commission for the Legislative Branch of government out of the General Fund and
9 Restricted Funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,
10 2027, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2028, in the
11 following discrete sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is
12 made by the source of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of
13 the Legislative Branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

15 Budget Units

16		2026-27	2027-28
17	1. General Assembly		
18	General Fund	23,902,900	25,910,000
19	Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
20	TOTAL	23,977,900	26,085,000

21 (1) **Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General
22 Fund appropriation is \$567,700 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium for
23 the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above Restricted Funds
24 appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 and \$175,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028
25 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

1 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2026, and shall remain
2 suspended for the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are
3 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2026-
4 2027 and fiscal year 2027-2028.

5 **(3) Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension
6 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500
7 to 6.577 on July 1, 2026.

8 **(4) Legislators Compensation:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily
9 compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and the interim expense allowance provided by
10 KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall be as authorized by the 2024-
11 2026 biennium and shall continue as adjusted on January 1, 2027, by the salary increment
12 provided to state employees in the State/Executive Branch Budget.

13 **2026-27** **2027-28**

14 2. Legislative Research Commission

15 General Fund 65,767,600 67,701,400

16 **(1) Legislative Record:** Notwithstanding KRS 7.105, distribution of the final
17 issue of the Legislative Record and the interim Legislative Record shall be suspended
18 effective July 1, 2026.

19 **(2) Legislative Publications:** Notwithstanding KRS Chapters 27A and 57, the
20 Acts of the General Assembly, the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives,
21 and the official Kentucky statute publications may be distributed by use of electronic
22 versions only, at the discretion of the Director of the Legislative Research Commission.

TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET

		2026-27	2027-28
24			
25	General Fund	89,670,500	93,611,400
26	Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
27	TOTAL	89,745,500	93,786,400

1 **Unexpended Balance:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance
2 remaining at the close of fiscal year 2025-2026 shall not lapse but shall continue into
3 fiscal year 2026-2027, and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall
4 not lapse but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

5 **TOTAL - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET**

	2026-27	2027-28
7 General Fund	89,670,500	93,611,400
8 Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
9 TOTAL	89,745,500	93,786,400

10 **PART II**

11 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

12 **1. Expenditure Authority:** The Director of the Legislative Research
13 Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, may expend
14 any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful
15 manner and for any legal purpose consistent with the policies and practices of the
16 Commission. No executive agency or statute governing the executive agencies of state
17 government shall have the power to restrict or limit the actions of, or the expenditure of
18 funds appropriated to, the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of
19 government.

20 **2. Capitol and Capitol Annex Capital Construction Expenditures:** Any
21 expenditure authorized by the Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under
22 the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, relating to implementation of
23 KRS 56.463(4)(b), or relating to the Capitol Building, and funded by previous or current
24 appropriations to the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of
25 government shall not be governed by KRS 7A.010, 7A.120, 45.750 to 45.810,
26 48.010(16), 48.020, and 48.110.

27 **3. Severability of Budget Provisions:** Appropriation items and sums in this Act

1 conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be
2 invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the
3 remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

4 **4. Duplicate Appropriation:** Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in
5 an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2026 Regular Session of the General
6 Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

7 **5. Priority of Individual Appropriations:** KRS 48.313 shall control when a
8 total or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it
9 consists.

10 **6. Appropriations Revisions:** Proposed revisions to Restricted Funds
11 appropriations in this Act shall be made and reported pursuant to KRS 48.630(10).

12 **7. Allowance in Lieu of Stationery:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of
13 stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the
14 sum of \$350 and to each member of the Senate the sum of \$650. This allowance shall be
15 paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of each legislative session.

16 **8. Salary Adjustments:** In each fiscal year, employees of the Legislative
17 Research Commission shall receive a salary adjustment in accordance with the salary
18 adjustment provided to state employees in the State/Executive Branch Budget.

19 **9. Administrative Expenses:** Pursuant to KRS 21.540, administrative expenses
20 shall be paid out of an administrative account which shall be funded by transfers of the
21 necessary moneys, in appropriate ratio, from the funds provided for in KRS 21.550 and
22 21.560.

PART III

BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN

25 The Legislative Branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus
26 Expenditure Plan in accordance with KRS Chapter 48, except that obligations essential to
27 the constitutional duties of the Legislative Branch shall be exempt from any Budget

- 1 Reduction Plan. The level of participation in a Budget Reduction Plan shall be at the
- 2 discretion of the Director and shall not exceed the actual percentage of revenue shortfall.