

1 AN ACT relating to oaths.

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

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

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

- 1 Chapter 523.
- 2 (6) All meetings of a committee, interim committee, statutory committee,
- 3 subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly shall be
- 4 recorded and transcribed.