

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]~~ committee, interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly, are entitled to the same
5 privileges and immunities~~[,]~~ and the same compensation~~[,]~~ as witnesses in other
6 civil and criminal proceedings~~[eases]~~. When summoned by the Commonwealth,
7 they shall be paid out of the State Treasury.

8 (2) Any member acting as chair~~[Chairmen]~~ of ~~a[the]~~ committee, interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force of the
9 General Assembly~~[Senate and House of Representatives]~~ shall~~[may]~~ administer an oath~~[all necessary oaths]~~ to any person who appears or is called to testify before
10 that~~[a]~~ committee, interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly~~[of either house]~~.

11 (3) (a) The oath administered to each witness who testifies before a committee, interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly shall follow the oath administered to a witness in a court of law and read as follows: "Do you swear or affirm that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

12 (b) If a witness refuses to take the oath, then he or she shall not be permitted to testify before the committee.

13 (4) An oath sworn during a previous committee, interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force meeting shall not apply to any future meeting of a committee, interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly.

14 (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.*