

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:

5 **PART I**

6 **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, 2018, and ending June 30,
10 2019, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, 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 the
13 Legislative Branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
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| 15 1. General Assembly | | |
| 16 General Fund | 19,297,900 | 20,106,900 |
| 17 Restricted Funds | 75,000 | 175,000 |
| 18 TOTAL | 19,372,900 | 20,281,900 |

19 **(1) Legislators Retirement and Compensation:** The above appropriation to the
20 General Assembly includes funds for the Legislators Retirement Plan in each fiscal year.
21 Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily compensation provided by KRS 6.190
22 and the interim expense allowance provided by KRS 6.213 for members of the General
23 Assembly shall remain at the January 1, 2018, level.

24 **(2) Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General
25 Fund appropriation is \$541,500 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and \$543,600 in fiscal year
26 2019-2020 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above
27 Restricted Funds appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and \$175,000 in fiscal

1 year 2019-2020 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

2 (3) **Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center:** Notwithstanding KRS
3 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its
4 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2018, and shall remain
5 suspended for the 2018-2020 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are
6 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2018-
7 2019 and fiscal year 2019-2020.

8 (4) **Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension
9 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500
10 to 6.577 on July 1, 2018, or July 1, 2019.

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| 11 | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| 12 | 2. Legislative Research Commission | | |
| 13 | General Fund | 50,396,000 | 51,141,800 |

14 (1) **Permanent Full-time Employees:** The total number of permanent full-time
15 employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation,
16 and not assigned specifically to the House and Senate members of the Legislative
17 Research Commission, shall not exceed 232 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and 232 in fiscal
18 year 2019-2020. In addition to this number, the total number of permanent full-time
19 employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research
20 Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned
21 specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not
22 exceed 10.

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| 23 | TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET | | |
| 24 | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| 25 | General Fund | 69,693,900 | 71,248,700 |
| 26 | Restricted Funds | 75,000 | 175,000 |
| 27 | TOTAL | 69,768,900 | 71,423,700 |

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 2018 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). The
12 Director of the Legislative Research Commission may transfer any available funds
13 between all appropriation units as needed to meet the constitutional requirements of the
14 Legislative Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

15 **7. Allowance in Lieu of Stationery:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of
16 stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the
17 sum of \$250 and to each member of the Senate the sum of \$500. This allowance shall be
18 paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of each legislative session.

19 **8. Issuance of Employee Paychecks:** Notwithstanding 101 KAR 2:095, Section
20 10, the state payroll that would normally be scheduled to be paid on June 30, 2019, and
21 June 30, 2020, shall not be issued prior to July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020.

22 **9. Salary Adjustments:** In each fiscal year, employees of the Legislative
23 Research Commission shall receive a salary adjustment in accordance with the salary
24 adjustment provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget.

25 **PART III**

26 **FUNDS TRANSFER**

27 The Legislative Branch shall transfer \$2,269,000 to the General Fund in each fiscal

1 year.

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PART IV

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BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN

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The Legislative Branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus

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Expenditure Plan in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 48.