

CHAPTER 56**(HB 482)**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 15.315 is amended to read as follows:

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council is hereby established as an independent administrative body of state government to be made up as follows:

- (1) The Attorney General of Kentucky, the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police, the commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training, the chief of police of the Louisville Metro Police Department, the chief of police of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Division of Police, the chief of police of the Bowling Green Police Department, *the chief of police of the Owensboro Police Department, the director of the Northern Kentucky Police and Sheriff's Training Center*, the director of the Southern Police Institute of the University of Louisville, the dean of the College of Justice and Safety of Eastern Kentucky University, the president of the Kentucky Peace Officers Association, the president of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kentucky president of the Fraternal Order of Police, the president of the Kentucky Women's Law Enforcement Network, and the president of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association shall be ex officio members of the council, as full voting members of the council by reason of their office. The United States attorneys for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky may confer and designate a local law enforcement liaison who shall serve on the council in an advisory capacity only without voting privileges. Each ex officio member may designate in writing a person to represent him or her and to vote on his or her behalf. Designees of the Department of Kentucky State Police, Department of Criminal Justice Training, Louisville Metro Police Department, Bowling Green Police Department, *Owensboro Police Department, Northern Kentucky Police and Sheriff's Training Center*, and ~~the~~ Lexington-Fayette Urban County Division of Police shall be the head of the agency's training division or the agency's deputy chief or deputy commissioner;
- (2) Twelve (12) members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of four (4) years from the following classifications: a city manager or mayor from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky League of Cities, a county judge/executive from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky Association of Counties, three (3) Kentucky sheriffs, a member of the Kentucky State Bar Association, five (5) chiefs of police, and a citizen of Kentucky not coming within the foregoing classifications. No person shall serve beyond the time he or she holds the office or employment by reason of which he or she was initially eligible for appointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and the successor shall be appointed for the unexpired term. Any member may be appointed for additional terms;
- (3) No member may serve on the council with the dual membership as the representative of more than one (1) of the aforementioned groups or the holder of more than one (1) of the aforementioned positions. In the event that an existing member of the council assumes a position entitling him to serve on the council in another capacity, the Governor shall appoint an additional member from the group concerned to prevent dual membership; and
- (4) Membership on the council does not constitute a public office, and no member shall be disqualified from holding public office by reason of his membership.

Signed by Governor April 4, 2024.