

1 AN ACT relating to boards and commissions.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 12.070 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) For the purpose of this section, "minority" means American Indian; Alaskan native;  
5 African-American; Hispanic, including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban,  
6 and Central or South American origin; Pacific islander; or other ethnic group  
7 underrepresented on state boards and commissions.
- 8 (2) Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, the members of each administrative  
9 board or commission shall be citizens of Kentucky appointed by the Governor from  
10 the state at large on the basis of their interests in public affairs, their good judgment,  
11 and their knowledge and ability in the field of action of the department for which  
12 appointed, with a view to providing diversity of interests and points of view in the  
13 membership and without regard to their political or religious opinions or  
14 affiliations.
- 15 (3) **(a)** Where appointments to administrative boards and commissions are made from  
16 lists submitted to **the Governor**~~him~~, the Governor may reject the list and  
17 require that other lists be submitted.
- 18 **(b) If, after a period of sixty (60) days, no new list has been submitted and, after**  
19 **notification to the entity submitting the original list, the Governor may**  
20 **appoint a member at his or her discretion.**
- 21 **(c)** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in the event the current  
22 membership of a board or commission reflects a proportion of the minority  
23 group less than the proportion of the minority group in the total population of  
24 the Commonwealth, then the Governor may appoint a member of the minority  
25 group even if the list of nominees for a vacancy does not include a member of  
26 the minority group.
- 27 (4) Before entering upon the duties of their office, all members of administrative boards

1           and commissions shall take the oath of office prescribed by Section 228 of the  
2           Constitution.

3       (5)   When a board, commission, or similar administrative body is established and no  
4           provision is made for compensation of members, members shall serve without pay,  
5           but may receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses.