

1 AN ACT relating to the Judicial Council.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 27A.100 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is hereby created a Judicial Council composed of the following persons:

5 **(a) One (1) Justice of the Supreme Court other than the Chief Justice, elected**
6 **by the members of that court;**

7 **(b) One (1) Judge of the Court of Appeals, elected by the members of that**
8 **court;**

9 **(c) Two (2) Circuit Judges, elected by the Circuit Judges Association of**
10 **Kentucky;**

11 **(d) Two (2) District Judges, elected by the District Judges' Association of**
12 **Kentucky**~~The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his designee from~~
13 ~~among the members of that court; the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals or~~
14 ~~his designee from among the members of that court; four (4) Circuit Judges,~~
15 ~~and four (4) District Judges, all of whom shall be appointed by the Chief~~
16 ~~Justice of the Supreme Court];~~

17 **(e)** The president of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks;

18 **(f)** Three (3) members of the State Bar of Kentucky who shall be appointed by its
19 board of governors;~~and]~~

20 **(g) The president of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association, who shall**
21 **serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member;**

22 **(h) The president of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association,**
23 **who shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member; and**

24 **(i)** The **chairs**~~chairmen] of the Judiciary Committees of the House of~~
25 ~~Representatives and of the Senate, or the vice chairchairman] of eitherany]~~
26 ~~of these committees if the chairchairman] declines to serve, who shall serve~~
27 **as non-voting, ex-officio members.**

1 (2) The appointed members shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their
 2 successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies in the office of appointed members
 3 shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

4 (3) (a) The members of the council shall biennially elect a chair, vice-chair, and
 5 secretary from among the voting membership of the council. The vice-chair
 6 shall serve as chair in the absence of the chair; and

7 (b) The chair shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as chair or
 8 vice-chair of the council. The vice-chair shall not serve more than two (2)
 9 consecutive terms as chair or vice chair of the council~~[Chief Justice of the~~
 10 ~~Supreme Court shall be the chairman of the council, or if he is not a member~~
 11 ~~or declines to serve as chairman, a member of the council shall be appointed~~
 12 ~~by him to serve as chairman. The administrative director of the courts shall~~
 13 ~~serve as secretary].~~