

1 AN ACT relating to the State Fair Board.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 247.090 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The State Fair Board shall be composed of eighteen (18) members, as follows:

5 (a) The Governor or his or her designee;

6 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee;

7 (c) The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or his or her
8 designee, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration
9 of his or her service as secretary of the cabinet. The secretary shall provide
10 additional financial expertise to the Kentucky State Fair Board, with no
11 resulting personnel impact, fiscal impact, nor expense to Kentucky state
12 government;

13 (d) The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and
14 Environment or his or her designee;

15 (e) Five (5) members appointed by the Governor from the state at large with due
16 consideration to geographical distribution throughout the state;

17 (f) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from the state at large who is
18 involved with, or experienced in, agribusiness;

19 (g) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees
20 that are representative of all segments of animal agriculture provided by trade
21 organizations and commodity groups that may include but not be limited to
22 the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Kentucky Dairy Development Council,
23 Kentucky Livestock Improvement Association, Kentucky Pork Producers
24 Association, Kentucky Poultry Federation, and Kentucky Sheep and Goat
25 Development Office;

26 (h) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees
27 that are representative of all segments of crop or plant production provided by

- 1 trade organizations or commodity groups that may include but not be limited
2 to Kentucky Corn Growers Association, Kentucky Grape and Wine Council,
3 Kentucky Horticulture Council, Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association,
4 and Kentucky Soybean Association;
- 5 (i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees
6 submitted by the governing body of the American Saddlebred Horse
7 Association;
- 8 (j) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees
9 provided by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation;
- 10 (k) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees
11 provided by the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows;
- 12 (l) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees
13 provided by the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau representing the
14 hospitality and tourism industry;
- 15 (m) The state president of the Kentucky FFA Association, who shall serve as an ex
16 officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term as student leader
17 of the association; and
- 18 (n) The state president of the Kentucky 4-H Organization, who shall serve as an
19 ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term as student
20 leader of the organization.
- 21 (2) The terms of the members of the board appointed by the Governor shall be
22 staggered terms. Members of the board shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years
23 and shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Members of
24 the board shall be appointed to no more than three (3) terms that began on or after
25 April 27, 2016. Terms that began prior to April 27, 2016, shall not count toward the
26 term limits established by this subsection. As the terms of each group of members
27 expire, the Governor shall appoint successors for terms of four (4) years and until

1 their successors are appointed and qualify. The initial appointments shall be for
2 staggered terms, as follows:

- 3 (a) Three (3) members shall be appointed for one (1) year;
- 4 (b) Three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) years;
- 5 (c) Three (3) members shall be appointed for three (3) years; and
- 6 (d) Three (3) members shall be appointed for four (4) years.

7 Initial members shall be appointed by the Governor within thirty (30) days of April
8 27, 2016. It is the intention of the General Assembly that the political affiliation of
9 the appointed members shall be as evenly divided as possible between the two (2)
10 political parties polling the largest number of votes in the state at general elections.

11 (3) In case of a vacancy among the appointed members of the board, the unexpired term
12 shall be filled pursuant to the requirements and procedures for original
13 appointments.

14 **(4) The State Fair Board shall not be subject to the Governor's power of**
15 **reorganization under KRS Chapter 12. The Governor may, however, recommend**
16 **changes in the organization of the State Fair Board to the General Assembly**
17 **during any regular session or special session of the General Assembly.**