

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.

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
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15 <b>1. General Assembly</b>		
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.

11		<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
12	<b>2. Legislative Research Commission</b>		
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.

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

1        **Unexpended Balance:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance  
 2 remaining at the close of fiscal year 2017-2018 shall not lapse but shall continue into  
 3 fiscal year 2018-2019, and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall  
 4 not lapse but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

5                                    **TOTAL - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET**

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
6            General Fund	69,693,900	71,248,700
7            Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
8            TOTAL	69,768,900	71,423,700

9                                    **PART II**

10                                  **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

11                    **1. Expenditure Authority:** The Director of the Legislative Research  
 12 Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, may expend  
 13 any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful  
 14 manner and for any legal purpose consistent with the policies and practices of the  
 15 Commission. No executive agency or statute governing the executive agencies of state  
 16 government shall have the power to restrict or limit the actions of, or the expenditure of  
 17 funds appropriated to, the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of  
 18 government.  
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20                    **2. Capitol and Capitol Annex Capital Construction Expenditures:** Any  
 21 expenditure authorized by the Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under  
 22 the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, relating to implementation of  
 23 KRS 56.463(4)(b), or relating to the Capitol Building, and funded by previous or current  
 24 appropriations to the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of  
 25 government shall not be governed by KRS 7A.010, 7A.120, 45.750 to 45.810,  
 26 48.010(16), 48.020, and 48.110.

27                    **3. Severability of Budget Provisions:** Appropriation items and sums in this Act

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 **10. Administrative Expenses:** Pursuant to KRS 21.540, administrative expenses  
26 shall be paid out of an administrative account which shall be funded by transfers of the  
27 necessary moneys, in appropriate ratio, from the funds provided for in KRS 21.550 and

1 21.560.

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**PART III**

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**FUNDS TRANSFER**

4 The Legislative Branch shall transfer \$2,269,000 to the General Fund in each fiscal  
5 year.

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**PART IV**

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**BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN**

8 The Legislative Branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus  
9 Expenditure Plan in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 48.