

1 AN ACT relating to the Commission on Human Rights.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 344.150 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** There is hereby created a Commission on Human Rights. The commission shall  
5 consist of eleven (11) members, one (1) to be appointed from each Supreme Court  
6 district and four (4) from the state at large. The Governor shall appoint all members,  
7 and shall name one (1) member as chairman. Of the eleven (11) members first  
8 appointed, three (3) shall serve for one (1) year, four (4) for two (2) years, and four  
9 (4) for three (3) years. Thereafter all members of the commission shall be appointed  
10 for three (3) years, and shall continue to serve until reappointed or replaced. In the  
11 event of the death or resignation of a member, **the member's**~~[his]~~ successor shall be  
12 appointed to serve the unexpired term for which such member had been appointed.

13 **(2) A proposed new member of the commission shall not qualify for appointment**  
14 **unless the member's appointment creates or maintains the closest possible**  
15 **equivalent percentage between:**

16 **(a) The political party affiliation percentages of the commission members for**  
17 **the two (2) political parties whose candidates polled the largest number of**  
18 **votes in the state at the last general election; and**

19 **(b) The statewide voter registration percentages for those two (2) political**  
20 **parties, which shall be determined from the most recent monthly statewide**  
21 **voter registration report issued and updated by the State Board of Elections.**

22 ➔Section 2. KRS 344.160 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) The members of the Commission on Human Rights established by KRS 344.150  
24 shall be appointed on a bipartisan basis **consistent with subsection (2) of Section 1**  
25 **of this Act** and shall be broadly representative of employers, proprietors, trade  
26 unions, religious groups, human rights groups, and the general public.

27 (2) Each member is entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance

1 of the member's~~his~~ duties and when serving as a hearing examiner shall be  
2 compensated at a per diem rate to be established by the secretary of the Personnel  
3 Cabinet.

4 (3) Each member shall receive sixty-five dollars (\$65) per day for attending meetings of  
5 the commission in addition to the reimbursement of expenses authorized in  
6 subsection (2) of this section.