

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Probate Code Task Force.

2 WHEREAS, the probate process plays a crucial role in the administration of estates
3 and the resolution of disputes between heirs and beneficiaries; and

4 WHEREAS, a review and analysis of the probate code in the Commonwealth is
5 essential to ensure its alignment with evolving legal standards and societal norms; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a need to assess the efficacy, fairness, and accessibility of the
7 current probate process in facilitating the timely and equitable distribution of assets and
8 resolution of conflicts;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
11 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

12 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Probate
13 Code Task Force to study:

14 (1) The effectiveness of the current probate process in promoting fairness,
15 transparency, and efficiency in estate administration and dispute resolution;

16 (2) Areas of ambiguity, complexity, or inefficiency within the probate code; and

17 (3) Whether Kentucky should adopt the Uniform Probate Code, published by the
18 National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

19 ➔Section 2. The Probate Code Task Force shall be composed of the following
20 members, with final membership of the task force being subject to consideration and
21 approval of the Legislative Research Commission:

22 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the
24 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force; and

25 (2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of
26 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force.

27 ➔Section 3. The Probate Code Task Force shall meet monthly during the 2024

1 Interim of the General Assembly. The task force shall submit findings and
2 recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate
3 committee or committees by December 1, 2024.

4 ➔Section 4. Provisions of Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to the contrary
5 notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to
6 alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or
7 subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.