2012 Kentucky General Assembly Directory

Visitors’ Guide
(Revised February 2012)
The Kentucky Legislative Research Commission is a 16-member committee of the majority and minority leadership of the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives. Under Chapter 7 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the LRC constitutes the administrative office for the General Assembly. Its director serves as chief administrative officer of the Legislature when it isn’t in session.

The Commission and its staff, by law and by practice, perform numerous fact-finding and service functions for members of the Legislature, employing professional, clerical and other employees required when the General Assembly is in session and during the interim period between sessions. These employees, in turn, assist committees and individual legislators in preparing legislation. Other services include conducting studies and investigations, organizing and staffing committee meetings and public hearings, maintaining official legislative records and other reference materials, providing information about the Legislature to the public, compiling and publishing administrative regulations, administering a legislative intern program, conducting orientation programs for new legislators, and publishing a daily index and summary of legislative actions during sessions.

The LRC is also responsible for statute revision, publishing and distributing the Acts and Journals following sessions, and for maintaining furnishings, equipment and supplies for the Legislature.
Foreword

When the first Kentucky General Assembly met in 1792, its members chose the term “commonwealth” to describe Kentucky. While there is no legal difference between a commonwealth and a state, Kentucky’s early leaders perhaps wanted to assert an independence of ideals and governance. By definition, a commonwealth is a political unit founded on law, united for the common good, and with supreme authority vested in the people. This ultimately defines Kentucky: government by the people and for the people.

Like most states, Kentucky has a part-time citizen legislature with members from diverse backgrounds and communities. All 138 members, however, serve year-round as legislators, representing constituents, helping them solve problems, and studying new ideas.

Of Kentucky’s three branches of government—executive, judicial, and legislative—the legislative is the one closest to the people and the one into which Kentuckians have the most direct input. Consequently, it is beneficial to both the legislature and our citizens that the work of the General Assembly be understood and the legislative process be used to its full potential.
This publication has been prepared to help you better understand how your General Assembly conducts business during a legislative session.

Robert Sherman
Director

Frankfort, Kentucky
February 2012

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David L. Williams
Senator President

Katie Stine
President Pro Tem

Robert Stivers
Majority Floor Leader

R.J. Palmer
Minority Floor Leader

Dan “Malano” Seum
Majority Caucus Chair

Johnny Ray Turner
Minority Caucus Chair

Carroll Gibson
Majority Whip

Jerry P. Rhoads
Minority Whip

House of Representatives

Greg Stumbo
Speaker of the House

Larry Clark
Speaker Pro Tem

Rocky Adkins
Majority Floor Leader

Jeff Hoover
Minority Floor Leader

Robert R. Damron
Majority Caucus Chair

Bob M. DeWeese
Minority Caucus Chair

Tommy Thompson
Majority Whip

Danny Ford
Minority Whip

Kentucky General Assembly Directory
Standing Committees

Senate

Committee on Committees
David L. Williams (R), Chair
Robert Stivers II (R), Vice Chair

Rules
David L. Williams (R), Chair
Robert Stivers II (R), Vice Chair

Enrollment
Jack Westwood (R), Chair

Agriculture
David Givens (R), Chair
Vernie McGaha (R), Vice Chair

Appropriations & Revenue
Bob Leeper (I), Chair
Vernie McGaha (R), Vice Chair

Banking & Insurance
Tom Buford (R), Chair
Julie Denton (R), Vice Chair

Economic Development, Tourism & Labor
Alice Forgy Kerr (R), Chair
Jack Westwood (R), Vice Chair

Education
Ken Winters (R), Chair
Vernie McGaha (R), Vice Chair

Health & Welfare
Julie Denton (R), Chair
David Givens (R), Vice Chair

Judiciary
Tom Jensen (R), Chair
Katie Stine (R), Vice Chair

Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations
John Schickel (R), Chair
Jimmy Higdon (R), Vice Chair

Natural Resources & Energy
Brandon Smith (R), Chair
Tom Jensen (R), Vice Chair

State & Local Government
Damon Thayer (R), Chair
John Schickel (R), Vice Chair

Transportation
Ernie Harris (R), Chair
Brandon Smith (R), Vice Chair

Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection
Jack Westwood (R), Chair
Mike Wilson (R), Vice Chair

House

Committee on Committees
Greg Stumbo (D), Chair

Rules
Greg Stumbo (D), Chair

Enrollment
Susan Westrom (D), Chair

Agriculture & Small Business
Tom McKee (D), Chair
Royce W. Adams (D), Vice Chair
John A. Arnold Jr. (D), Vice Chair
Mike Denham (D), Vice Chair
C.B. Embry Jr. (R), Vice Chair
Richard Henderson (D), Vice Chair
Terry Mills (D), Vice Chair

Appropriations & Revenue
Rick Rand (D), Chair
John A. Arnold Jr. (D), Vice Chair
Dwight D. Butler (R), Vice Chair
Bob M. DeWeese (R), Vice Chair
Fred Nesler (D), Vice Chair
Arnold Simpson (D), Vice Chair
Brent Yonts (D), Vice Chair

Banking & Insurance
Jeff Greer (D), Chair
Will Coursey (D), Vice Chair
Ron Crimm (R), Vice Chair
Mike Denham (D), Vice Chair
Kentucky General Assembly Directory

Economic Development
Ruth Ann Palumbo (D), Chair
Julie Raque Adams (R), Vice Chair
John “Bam” Carney (R), Vice Chair
Myron Dossett (R), Vice Chair
Ted Edmonds (D), Vice Chair
Dennis Keene (D), Vice Chair

Education
Carl Rollins II (D), Chair
Linda Belcher (D), Vice Chair
John “Bam” Carney (R), Vice Chair
Ted Edmonds (D), Vice Chair
Charles Miller (D), Vice Chair
Tom Riner (D), Vice Chair
Wilson Stone (D), Vice Chair

Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs
Darryl T. Owens (D), Chair
Kevin D. Bratcher (R), Vice Chair
Joseph M. Fischer (R), Vice Chair

Health & Welfare
Tom Burch (D), Chair
Bob M. DeWeese (R), Vice Chair
David Watkins (D), Vice Chair
Addia Wuchner (R), Vice Chair

Judiciary
John Tilley (D), Chair
Joseph M. Fischer (R), Vice Chair
Sara Beth Gregory (R), Vice Chair
Darryl T. Owens (D), Vice Chair
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Labor & Industry
Rick G. Nelson (D), Chair
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Licensing & Occupations
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State Government
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Steven Rudy (R), Vice Chair

Tourism Development & Energy
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Kim King (R), Vice Chair
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Transportation
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Marie Rader (R), Vice Chair
Tommy Turner (R), Vice Chair

Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Safety
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Myron Dossett (R), Vice Chair
David Floyd (R), Vice Chair
Jeff Greer (D), Vice Chair
John Tilley (D), Vice Chair
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Senator Bob Leeper

**Senator Junior Pendleton**


**Senator Carroll Gibson**


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**Senator Dorsey Ridley**


**Senator Jerry P. Rhoads**

**Senator Julian M. Carroll**


**Senator David Givens**


**Senator Joe Bowen**


**Senator Dennis Parrett**

11 Senate

Boone
Gallatin
Kenton

Republican
Senate 2009-Present

Senator John Schickel


12 Senate

Fayette

Republican
Senate 1999-Present

Senator Alice Forgy Kerr


13 Senate

Fayette

Democrat
House 1997-08
Senate 2009-Present

Senator Kathy W. Stein


14 Senate

Marion
Mercer
Nelson
Taylor
Washington

Republican
House 2003-09
Senate 2009-Present

Senator Jimmy Higdon

15 Senate

Republican
Senate 1997-Present

Senator Vernie McGaha

Agriculture, Vice Chair
Appropriations & Revenue, Vice Chair
Education, Vice Chair

State & Local Government, Chair

17 Senate

Republican
Senate 2003-Present

Senator Damon Thayer

16 Senate

Republican
House 1985-86
Senate 1987-Present

Senate President

Senator David L. Williams

Committee on Committees, Chair
Rules, Chair

18 Senate

Democrat
House 1999-09
Senate 2009-Present

Senator Robin L. Webb
**Senator Tim Shaughnessy**


Democrat

Senate 1989-Present

**Senator Tom Jensen**


Republican

House 1989-96

Senate 2005-Present

Judiciary, Chair

Natural Resources & Energy, Vice Chair

**Senator Paul Hornback**


Republican

Senate 2011-Present

**Senator Tom Buford**


Republican

Senate 1991-Present

Banking & Insurance, Chair

**Kentucky General Assembly Directory**
Senator Jack Westwood

Senator Katie Stine

Senator Robert Stivers II

Senator Ernie Harris
Senator Walter Blevins Jr.

Senator Johnny Ray Turner

Senator R.J. Palmer II

Senator Brandon Smith
Senator Ray S. Jones II

Senator Gerald A. Neal

Senator Mike Wilson

Senator Jared Carpenter
Senator Denise Harper Angel


Senator Perry B. Clark


Senator Julie Denton


Senator Dan “Malano” Seum

House Districts

House of Representatives

Democrats  59
Republicans  41
Independents  0
Representative Steven Rudy
Born August 9, 1978. Part Owner, Rudy’s Farm Center. Methodist. MuSU, Ag Ed.

Representative Fred Nesler
Representative Brent Housman

Representative Melvin B. Henley

Representative Mike Cherry

Representative Will Coursey
Representative John A. Arnold Jr.

Representative Myron Dossett

Representative John Tilley

Representative Ben Waide
Representative David Watkins

Representative Jim Glenn

Representative Jim Gooch Jr.

Representative Tommy Thompson
Representative Brent Yonts

Representative C.B. Embry Jr.

Representative Martha Jane King

Representative Dwight D. Butler
Representative Michael Meredith

Representative Jim DeCesare

Representative Jody Richards

Representative Wilson Stone
Representative Johnny Bell  

Representative Tim Moore  
Representative Jeff Greer

Representative Charles Miller

Representative Kevin D. Bratcher

Representative Tom Burch
Representative Steve Riggs


Representative Ron Crimm


Representative Julie Raque Adams


Representative Mary Lou Marzian

Representative Jim Wayne

Representative Wade Hurt

Representative Lonnie Napier

Representative Michael J. Nemes
Representative Robert R. Damron

Representative Dennis Horlander

Representative Tom Riner
Pastor.

Representative Reginald Meeks
Representative Darryl T. Owens

Representative Joni L. Jenkins

Representative Stan Lee

Representative Larry Clark
Representative Rick Rand

Representative Linda Belcher

Representative Bob M. DeWeese

Representative David Floyd
51 HOUSE

Adair
Taylor

Representative John “Bam” Carney

52 HOUSE

McCreary
Pulaski
Wayne

Representative Sara Beth Gregory

53 HOUSE

Cumberland
Green
Metcalfe
Monroe

Representative Bart Rowland

54 HOUSE

Boyle
Washington

Representative Mike Harmon
Born October 16, 1966. Loan Officer, First Mortgage Company, LLC. Baptist. EKU, BS.
Representative Kim King

Representative Derrick Graham

Representative Carl Rollins II

Representative Brad Montell
**Representative David Osborne**


**Representative Royce W. Adams**


**Representative Sal Santoro**


**Representative Ryan Quarles**

Representative Alecia Webb-Edgington

Representative Arnold Simpson

Representative Thomas Kerr

Representative Addia Wuchner
Health & Welfare, Vice Chair

Representative Dennis Keene


Representative Joseph M. Fischer


Representative Adam Koenig


Representative Mike Denham

Representative John Will Stacy
Born March 29, 1953. Business Owner. MoSU, BS. NKU, JD.

Representative Sannie Overly

Representative Donna Mayfield

Representative Richard Henderson
Representative Jesse Crenshaw
Born September 23, 1946. Attorney. KSU, BA. UK, JD.

Representative Tom McKee

Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo

Representative Kelly Flood
Representative Susan Westrom

Representative Rita Smart

Representative Danny Ford

Representative Regina Petrey Bunch
Representative Jeff Hoover

Representative Tommy Turner

Representative Fitz Steele

Representative Jim Stewart III
Representative Rick G. Nelson  

Representative Bill Farmer  

Representative Marie Rader  

Representative Tim Couch  
Representative Ted Edmonds

Representative John Short

Representative Keith Hall

Representative Leslie Combs
Representative Greg Stumbo

Representative Hubert Collins

Representative Jill York

Representative Tanya Pullin
Representative Rocky Adkins


Representative Kevin Sinnette

## Senate

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**PRESIDENT**

David L. Williams
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The Legislature and the Constitution

Kentucky originally was a county of Virginia when its citizens petitioned to become a separate political entity. On June 1, 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state. The first General Assembly, with 21 members, met in 1792 in Lexington to form a state government. Frankfort was chosen as the state capital in part because of geography: it sits on the Kentucky River and was nearly the central point of the state’s population. Frankfort also donated land and building materials. The General Assembly has met in Frankfort since 1793. The legislature has met in the current Capitol building since 1910.

Kentucky changed rapidly during its early years as a state as its population increased dramatically. More people meant an increased need for an organized and evolving government. The first Kentucky Constitution was adopted in 1792. Seven short, but busy, years later that document was revised, and a new Constitution was approved in 1799; a third was adopted in 1850; and the fourth (the current) was adopted in 1891. Throughout history, the Constitution also has been amended by the people to address specific issues.

The state’s Constitution provides for three branches of government: legislative, judicial, and executive. The legislative branch enacts laws; the judicial branch interprets laws; and the executive branch enforces...
laws. In addition to making the state’s laws, the legislature also enacts a state budget and levies taxes.

Extraordinary (Special) Sessions
Only the governor may call a special session, and it may only address subjects specified in the governor’s call. Though only the governor may call a special session, it is the legislature that determines the process and decides when the session will end. Although there is no time limit on special sessions, they are usually brief.

Districts
Kentucky follows a bicameral form of government consisting of a House of Representatives and a Senate. Legislators are elected by the citizens of their designated legislative areas—districts—to be their voice in government. The Constitution requires the General Assembly to divide the state into 38 Senate districts and 100 House districts as nearly equal in population as possible. The General Assembly must review the districts at least every 10 years and redivide them if necessary.

Senators
The Constitution establishes terms and qualifications for legislators. A senator must be at least 30 years old, must be a citizen of Kentucky, and must have lived in the state at least 6 years immediately preceding an election. A senator must live in the district for at least 1 year prior to election. Senators are elected for 4-year terms, with half the Senate elected every 2 years.

Representatives
A representative must be at least 24 years old, must be a citizen of Kentucky, and must have lived in the state for at least 2 years and in the district for 1 year prior to election. Representatives are elected for 2-year terms, with the entire House elected every 2 years.

Legislative Sessions

Regular Sessions
Kentucky’s Constitution requires the General Assembly to meet in Frankfort every year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January.

Even-numbered Years
• Begin January
• Number of legislative days* not more than 60
• End no later than April 15

Odd-numbered Years
• Part 1 – Organizational Component – Begin January
• Part 2 – Begin first Tuesday in February
• Number of legislative days* not more than 30
• End no later than March 30

* A legislative day is a calendar day with the exception of Sundays, legal holidays, and any day on which neither chamber meets.
**Leadership**

The leadership of the House and the Senate are defined by both the Constitution and by the legislative traditions of the General Assembly. The Constitution requires that two members from each chamber be elected by the full membership of that chamber as leaders: the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore of the House; and the President and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

The traditions of the legislature allow for the members to elect additional legislative leaders—floor leaders, caucus chairs, and whips—who are selected by their political parties’ caucuses during the organizational phase of odd-year sessions. These leaders are responsible for seeing that the interests of their respective parties are served.

**Constitutional Officers**

The Constitution also mandates a number of constitutional officers to carry out some of the clerical and support activities for the General Assembly. Among these are the chief clerks elected by each chamber.

The clerks and their staffs, assisted by the staff of the Legislative Research Commission, are responsible for recording the minutes of each session, roll calls and votes, and bill calendars; recording committee assignments; certifying the passage of bills and resolutions; keeping equipment inventories; and keeping the official *Journal* of each chamber.

Clerks and LRC staff see that amendments are incorporated into bills before they go from one chamber to the other. They also make sure that final copies signed by the presiding officer in each chamber contain the exact wording approved by the House and Senate.

The sergeants at arms clear unauthorized persons from the floor of the House and Senate before each session and as otherwise directed. They also clear the galleries if there is a disturbance.

**The Legislative Process**

**Standing Committees**

Standing committees play a vital role in the legislative process. Both the House and the Senate are organized into separate standing committees to facilitate the most efficient use of time and resources while considering individual pieces of legislation. Each legislator is assigned to serve on at least one standing committee. These committees collectively may consider more than 1,000 pieces of legislation during a session and decide which should advance to the full House or Senate. In each chamber, the Committee on Committees assigns bills to one of its several standing committees. Assignments are determined by the subject of each bill. Rules adopted at the beginning of the organizational session list subjects that fall within each committee’s jurisdiction.

March 14, 1878, Kentucky became the third state in the nation to establish a State Board of Health.
The Committee on Committees also selects the chair, vice chair, and members of each standing committee.

The chair of each committee, in consultation with leadership, determines which and in what order bills will be considered. A committee may schedule a public hearing on the subject before acting on specific legislation. Supporters and opponents of a particular bill are often invited to address a committee.

Committees may send bills to the full House or Senate for consideration with or without proposing changes (amendments) to the bill. Bills may also be retained in the House or Senate committee.

Approximately half the bills introduced each session never get out of committee.

Order of Business

The exact order of business varies slightly between the House of Representatives and the Senate. Both chambers follow Parliamentary procedure for conducting business.

Below is a typical day’s chamber proceedings.

• Invocation
Each day begins with a prayer. At the beginning of each legislative session, resolutions are adopted inviting area ministers to offer the invocation.

• Roll Call
The clerk calls the roll to see if the constitutionally required number of members are present to transact business.

• Reading and Approval of the Journal
A motion is usually made that the reading of the previous day’s actions (the Journal) be dispensed with and approved.

• Introduction and Reading of New Bills and Resolutions
The clerk numbers bills and resolutions as they are received and reads new ones by title and sponsor. Bills and resolutions are identified by number throughout their consideration.

• Report of Referrals of Bills to Committees
The clerk announces where bills have been referred by the Committee on Committees.

• Report of Committees
The clerk reads committee action on bills.

• First Reading of Bills
The Constitution requires all bills be “read” on 3 separate days. These bills are read by title only.

A favorable committee report constitutes the first reading of a bill. Bills that have received a first reading are placed on the Calendar for the following day.

• Second Reading of Bills
Bills on the Calendar are given their second reading, by title only, and sent to the Rules Committee.

• Third Reading and Passage of Bills
It is usually the majority floor leader who makes a motion that a bill be given its third reading, by title only, to open the floor for debate on the bill.
• **Motions, Petitions, and Communications**
A member may present any matter he or she wishes to have considered that can be appropriately characterized as a motion, petition, or communication.

• **Orders of the Day**
The Rules Committee posts legislation in the Orders of the Day. The majority floor leader calls bills from the Orders of the Day for debate, amendment, or other floor action.

• **Announcements**
Committee chairs call meetings of their committees, and members make any announcements they have.

• **Adjournment**
The presiding officer asks if there is any further business. If not, upon motion, the chamber adjourns.

**Adjourning and Convening**
Each chamber decides individually every day it is in session when to adjourn and when to convene for the next working day.

**Chamber Decorum**
The rules of each chamber state that members are not to address each other on the floor by name. Senators must refer to each other as “The senator from (a particular county or district).” House members refer to their colleagues as “The gentleman (or lady) from….” Senators address the presiding officer as “Mr. (or Madam) President”; and House members, “Mr. (or Madam) Speaker.”

Members who use objectionable language on the floor may be called to order by the chair.

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**Bills**
Only a member of the General Assembly can introduce legislation. Legislators, however, often introduce bills suggested by citizens or various organizations.

Bills vary in length from a single paragraph to hundreds of pages. The Constitution requires that a bill relate to only one subject, which must be stated in the title. Bills that do not follow this rule may be ruled unconstitutional. The Constitution prohibits special laws applying only to one city, town, county, or person.

All bills must begin with these words: “Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”

Some bills pass with few changes (amendments) and little discussion. Others are subjected to intense examination and undergo major changes before becoming law. Amendments may be proposed by a committee or by a legislator, but amendments must be approved by the full House or Senate before they are incorporated into the bill. If a committee changes a bill significantly, a committee substitute may be adopted. Once adopted, a committee substitute is considered as the original bill for purposes of further amendment.

Bills are introduced by legislators delivering them to the House or Senate clerk.

Below is the basic process a bill must follow to be enacted into law (Kentucky Revised Statutes):

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March 29, 1902, the General Assembly created the Kentucky State Fair.
• Introduction and Committee Referral
A bill may be introduced in the House or Senate. However, a bill that raises revenue must be introduced in the House. Each bill is assigned a number, read by title and sponsor, and referred to a standing committee by the Committee on Committees.

• Committee Consideration
Committee meetings are open to the public except when exempted by the Open Meetings Law. When there is sufficient interest in a subject, a public hearing may be held. A bill may be reported out of committee with one of the following expressions of opinion: favorable with committee amendments; favorable with committee substitute; unfavorable; or, in the Senate, without opinion. A committee can essentially kill a bill by failing to act on it.

• First Reading
When a committee reports a bill favorably, the bill has its first reading and is placed on the Calendar for the following day. If a committee reports a bill unfavorably or without opinion, the bill is not likely to go further.

• Second Reading; To Rules
The bill is read by title a second time and sent to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee may recommit the bill (send it back to a committee) or place it in the Orders of the Day for consideration.

• Third Reading and Passage
“I move that House Bill 100 be taken from its place in the Orders of the Day, read for the third time by title only, and placed upon its passage.” This motion, usually made by the majority floor leader, opens the floor for debate. Following debate and amendments, a final vote on the bill is taken. To pass, a bill must be approved by at least two-fifths of the members of the chamber (40 representatives or 16 senators) and a majority of the members present and voting. If the bill contains an appropriation or an emergency clause, it must be approved by a majority of the members elected to each chamber (51 representatives and 20 senators). During sessions in odd-numbered years, legislation that appropriates funds or raises revenue requires a three-fifths majority to pass (60 representatives and 24 senators). Constitutional amendments also require a three-fifths majority to pass.

• What Happens Next
If a bill is defeated, that is the end of it unless two members who voted against it request it be reconsidered and a majority approves. If a bill passes one chamber, it is sent to the other chamber, where it follows much the same procedure. Both chambers must agree on the final form of each bill. If either chamber fails to concur in amendments made by the other, the differences may be reconciled by a conference committee of senators and representatives. Compromises agreed to by this conference committee are subject to approval by both chambers.

March 17, 1914, the General Assembly created the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission.

March 23, 1920, the General Assembly passed a law requiring motor-vehicle registration and licensing of vehicle operators.
• **Bill Status**

During a session, citizens can call the toll-free bill status line for legislative updates. The telephone number is posted on the LRC website during sessions and is also published across the state by the media.

• **Resolutions and Citations**

In addition to bills, the General Assembly may express itself in resolutions or in citations.

Simple resolutions require action by only one chamber and do not carry the force of law. They most often are used to express the sense of the chamber on a particular matter. Frequently, at the end of a day, the House or Senate will pass a simple resolution to adjourn in honor or memory of an individual or group.

Concurrent resolutions adopted by both chambers generally are used to mandate specific legislative studies and to send messages to other branches of government. They also do not have the force of law.

A joint resolution is used to ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution, to direct an executive-branch agency to conduct a study, or to approve other matters of temporary law not meant to be inserted in the statutes, such as naming roads and bridges. Joint resolutions have the force of law and must pass both chambers, be signed by the officers of each chamber, be sent to the governor, and be filed with the secretary of state.

February 6, 1904, the General Assembly approved the construction of a new capitol building. It was dedicated in 1910 and is the current capitol.

• **Enrollment**

After passage by both chambers, a bill is read carefully by the enrollment committee to make sure the final wording is correct. The bill is signed by the presiding officer of each chamber and sent to the governor (or secretary of state if a constitutional amendment).

• **Governor’s Action**

The governor may sign a bill, permit it to become law without signing it, or veto it. A veto may be overridden by a majority of the members of both chambers. Kentucky’s governor must veto a bill in its entirety, except for an appropriations bill, for which the governor has line-item veto authority. The governor has 10 days (excluding Sundays) to act on a bill after it has been received.

• **Becoming law**

The Constitution specifies that an act becomes law 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns, unless the act contains a delayed effective date or an emergency clause.

In the latter case, the act must be approved by a constitutional majority (half of the members elected, plus one) and becomes effective immediately upon its approval by the governor.

The fastest a bill can pass through both chambers of the General Assembly and receive the required three readings in both is 5 days. Most bills take longer to complete the process, however.

November 1949, Carolyn Conn Moore of Franklin became the first woman elected to the Senate.
Legislative citations can be presented by either chamber to recognize an individual or group. Because citations are honorary, they generally are not to be used for procedural, controversial, or partisan political matters.

**Statutory Committees**

In addition to standing committees, which consider laws, the General Assembly established statutory committees to increase the legislature’s oversight of the executive branch of state government. These statutory committees function as subcommittees of the Legislative Research Commission.

**Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee**

The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee reviews regulations proposed by state administrative bodies. After review by the subcommittee, the Legislative Research Commission refers proposed regulations to an appropriate interim joint committee for further review.

March 15, 1898, Kentucky became one of the nation’s leaders in the pure-food movement by enacting laws to regulate the manufacture and sale of food.

**Capital Planning Advisory Board**

The Capital Planning Advisory Board develops in each biennium a comprehensive statewide 6-year capital improvements plan and submits it to the heads of the three branches of government. The plan includes recommendations of projects to be undertaken or continued and recommendations as to priority and means of funding capital projects. The board is composed of 16 members appointed by the three branches of state government.

**Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee**

The Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee monitors implementation of capital projects authorized by the General Assembly or by the committee through an interim review process. The committee reviews any cost overruns on authorized projects and receives quarterly reports from those agencies that manage capital projects. The committee also reviews all bonds issued by state agencies and school systems.

**Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee**

The Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee reviews administrative regulations and advises the Kentucky Board of Education concerning the implementation of the state system of assessment and accountability. The subcommittee also advises and monitors the Office of Education Accountability, which was established by the 1990 General Assembly’s passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act.
**Government Contract Review Committee**

The Government Contract Review Committee reviews proposed state personal service contracts and memoranda of agreement to determine the need for the service, whether the service can be performed by state personnel, and the cost and duration of the contract.

**Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee**

The Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee monitors the implementation of Medicaid managed care within the Commonwealth, including access to services, utilization of services, quality of services, and cost containment.

**Program Review and Investigations Committee**

The Program Review and Investigations Committee reviews the operations of state agencies to determine that funds are being spent appropriately and if state programs are implemented effectively by the executive branch. The operations, practices, and duties of state agencies are studied as they relate to efficiency in the utilization of space, personnel, equipment, and facilities. The committee reports its findings to the state agency involved and to the General Assembly.

**Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee**

The Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee reviews each project being submitted to the Agricultural Development Board for funding from the Tobacco Settlement Fund.

**Working Visitors**

Lobbyists (legislative agents) representing particular groups come to Frankfort to look after the interests of their organizations. They keep track of pending legislation and attempt to persuade legislators to vote one way or another on particular bills. Lobbyists must register with the Legislative Ethics Commission. The interests they represent range from business enterprises to the Kentucky Education Association, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Common Cause, and the League of Kentucky Sportsmen.

The news media also routinely report on the events of the General Assembly. When the legislature is in session, reporters sit at desks near the front of each chamber so they can follow the proceedings closely. They also attend committee meetings throughout the year and report extensively about individual legislators, key bills, and major issues. Kentucky Educational Television videotapes the sessions for a nightly presentation to viewers across the Commonwealth.

February 16, 1838, the General Assembly created the state’s first system of free public education.

March 15, 1894, married women in Kentucky obtained the right to hold real and personal property in their own names after they married.
Legislative Research Commission

The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) was established in 1948 as a nonpartisan fact-finding and service body for the General Assembly. LRC is governed by a 16-member committee made up of the majority and minority party leadership of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Commission is the administrative and research arm of the General Assembly and oversees the work of the interim—the time in between sessions of the General Assembly.

To assist the members, the Commission employs a director who oversees a nonpartisan professional staff of bill drafters; committee administrators, analysts, and assistants; researchers; fiscal analysts; attorneys; economists; librarians; secretaries; computer technicians; and other trained specialists who provide a multitude of services for the General Assembly.

The Commission also employs partisan staff who work directly for legislative leadership.

There are many functions necessary to help legislators conduct the business of state government. LRC has its own print shop to print bills, research reports, and informational bulletins. It also maintains a public information office to dispense information to the media and the public about the activities of the General Assembly and its members.

Major responsibilities of the nonpartisan staff include bill drafting, committee staffing, research, and budget review.

Budget Review

LRC is directed by statute to study and examine the expenditures of state agencies. For this purpose, the Commission has a budget review staff that examines agency budgets, conducts fiscal studies, and provides data required for effective legislative review of proposals. During General Assembly sessions, budget review staff prepare fiscal notes on the cost implications of pending legislation and work with the Appropriations and Revenue Committees in reviewing the executive budget proposal.

Office of Education Accountability

The legislature established the Office of Education Accountability (OEA) in 1990 as part of the Kentucky Education Reform Act. OEA is under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Research Commission with oversight by its Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee (EAARS). OEA is required to ensure that public schools in Kentucky operate efficiently and effectively. OEA also monitors the implementation of education reform throughout the state and reviews the state’s system of school finance. OEA conducts studies relating to public education as directed by EAARS.

Planning a Visit

Contacting Legislators

Letters

Receiving letters from constituents is an effective way for legislators to learn the support of or opposition to issues. It is helpful for letters to specifically identify the bill supported or opposed. A letter should discuss only one issue, if possible. The name and mailing
address of the letter writer should be included. The names and mailing addresses of legislators may be found in the “Additional Information” section of this guide, on the LRC webpage, or by contacting the LRC Public Information Office.

**Telephone**

A legislator’s office may be contacted any time during normal business hours by calling LRC at (502) 564-8100.

People with hearing and speech impairments may use the toll-free Kentucky Relay Service by calling 1-800-648-6057, or LRC’s TTY message line by calling 1-800-896-0305.

LRC sets up toll-free telephone numbers for citizens to use to leave messages for legislators and to determine meeting schedules. During legislative sessions, additional toll-free numbers are made available to determine the status of a bill or to access a Spanish-language operator. These numbers are posted on the LRC webpage and are publicized across the state by the media.

**E-mail**

All legislators have e-mail addresses that can be found on the LRC webpage.

**Visiting During Sessions**

Legislative leadership offices are on the third floor of the Capitol near the chambers in which they serve. All legislators have offices in the Capitol Annex.

Visitors are welcome at the Capitol any time, but visiting when the legislature is in session is a special experience. Remember that what is happening on the chamber floors is only part of the process. Much work is done in committees, which play a vital role both during and between sessions. Committees consider many pieces of legislation, and their meetings are open to the public.

**Daily Schedules**

During a session, legislators will be very busy, but they will want to know of upcoming visits to Frankfort. If possible, let them know in advance the date and time of a visit. If visiting without notice, leave a message for them at the office of the House clerk, Senate clerk, or their legislative offices in the Capitol Annex. Gallery passes for those who want to watch the proceedings are available from the staff of the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate.

Bulletin boards outside each chamber list the bills to be considered each day. Copies of the bills are available for a nominal charge in the Public Bill Room in the Capitol basement or free from the LRC website. A schedule of committee meetings also is posted on the bulletin boards. The number of observers at committee meetings is limited only by rules of the state fire marshal.

**Protocol**

A few other rules should be observed when visiting the General Assembly:

- There should be no applause or loud talking in the chamber galleries or in committee rooms.
- Please do not take food or drinks into the galleries or when touring the building. There is a snack area in the basement of the Capitol and a cafeteria and a snack shop in the Capitol Annex.
• No posters, banners, or signs are allowed in the committee rooms or hallways of the Capitol or the Capitol Annex.

• No visitors are permitted on the chamber floor when the House of Representatives and Senate are in session except by special invitation from a legislator.

• Smoking is prohibited in public areas of the Capitol and the Capitol Annex.

**Information Desks**

An information desk is located on the first floor at the north entrance of the Capitol. Guides conduct tours that offer a historical perspective of the building and familiarize visitors with current activity. During sessions, information desks also are located on the third floor of the Capitol.

**Handicap Access**

The Capitol and Capitol Annex are handicap accessible; however, the chamber galleries are not. Accommodations can be made for those visitors who cannot manage the steps to the chamber galleries. Please let the staff of the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate know if special accommodations are needed.

**On the Web**

LRC hosts a comprehensive website at lrc.ky.gov that contains information on members, committees, the legislative process, methods for contacting legislators, bill status, legal research tools, and available publications.
Absence, Excused — not present, with consent of body

Acts — the volume of bills enacted at one session; published by the Legislative Research Commission

Adjourn, Motion to — an action to discontinue proceedings for the day; a privileged motion non-debatable, not subject to amendment, and requires for its adoption the assenting votes of a majority of the members present and voting

Adjournment, Sine Die — adjournment without a day; this action ends a session, since no time is set for reconvening; this type of adjournment may occur at any time during a session

Administrative Regulation — an enactment of law by an executive–branch agency or department, under authority granted by the General Assembly

Administration Bill — legislation introduced at the behest of an executive–branch agency or department, usually sponsored by the majority floor leader

Adoption — approval or acceptance; usually applied to resolutions or amendments

Amend, Motion to — an action to modify the contents of a bill or question under consideration; the motion to amend is in order at any time prior to final passage, unless the previous question has been ordered

Amendment — any alteration made or proposed to be made in a bill, motion, or clause thereof, by adding, substituting, or deleting

Chamber — a legislative, judicial, or deliberative assembly

Committee — a group of legislators, usually members of the same house, assigned to consider some issue or question and submit a report on its recommendations for action by the body which created it
Committee Amendment — an amendment to a bill which is attached to the bill by a committee and made a part of the committee’s report on the bill

Committee Chair — the presiding officer of a committee

Committee, Conference — a joint committee of senators and representatives directed to reach agreement on legislation on which the two houses are unable to agree

Committee, Interim Joint — a committee composed of all members of a Senate standing committee and all members of a House standing committee, which meets between sessions as a subcommittee of the Legislative Research Commission

Committee Report — the document by which a committee submits its recommendations to its parent body

Committee, Special — a committee established to consider only one issue, and which ceases to exist after submitting its report

Committee, Standing — a committee established to function for the entire session, to consider any questions the body cares to submit to it

Committee Substitute — a bill offered by a committee in lieu of a bill it has considered; technically, the committee substitute is an amendment to the original bill

Committee of the Whole — resolution of the entire House membership into a single committee

Companion Bill — a bill which is identical to a bill having been introduced in the opposite chamber

Concur — action by one house to agree to modifications of its legislation by the opposite chamber

Conflict of Interest — threat to the public interest by a private interest; usually the position of a legislator unable to vote impartially, due to some personal interest in a legislative matter

Consent Calendar, or Consent Orders — a list of bills having had one (or two) reading(s), and on which members in attendance are presumed to vote “yes” unless they indicate a negative vote prior to the call of the roll

Constituent — a citizen who resides in the district of a legislator

Constitution — a written instrument defining and limiting the duties and powers of a government, and guaranteeing certain rights to the people who are subject to the edicts of such government

Constitutional Amendment — a proposal to modify a constitution in some manner

Constitutional Convention — an assemblage convened for the purpose of writing or rewriting a constitution

Constitutional Majority — one more than half of the members of a deliberative body

Constitutional Officer — an officer selected by a legislative body in compliance with a constitutional provision that it do so; in Kentucky these officers are clerk, assistant clerk, enrolling clerk, sergeant at arms, doorkeeper, cloakroom keeper, janitor, and page

Contested Seat — assertion by two or more persons of the right to represent a given district in a legislative assembly

Contingency Fund — money appropriated (to the governor in Kentucky) to meet expenses which are unforeseen at the time of budget preparation
**Convene** — the assembly or meeting of a legislative body, on the periodic basis provided by law

**Co-Sponsor** — a sponsor of a bill or resolution who is not the principal sponsor

**Debate** — discussion or a question according to parliamentary rules

**Deficiency Appropriation** — an appropriation to compensate for an impending deficit in an account budgeted for the preceding time period

**Dilatory** — designed to cause delay

**Discharge Petition** — a notice filed one day in advance of an attempt to take a bill or resolution from a committee

**Dissent** — disagreement, or the cast of a negative vote

**District** — the area or division of the governed territory which is represented by an individual member of its legislative body

**Division** — a method of voting by way of a show of hands or by standing; provides a count without a roll call

**Division of a Question** — the separation of one item to be voted upon into two or more items to be voted upon

**Effective Date** — the date on which a legislative measure begins to function as a part of the law; in Kentucky, most legislation becomes effective 90 days after sine die adjournment

**Election** — the process of selecting a person to occupy an office, by way of balloting

**Emergency Clause** — provision in a bill that it become effective immediately upon approval by the governor rather than the 90 days after adjournment

**Enabling Act** — legislation permitting an entity which depends upon the legislative body for its power to take a certain action

**En Bloc Voting** — to consider several questions in a single vote; or to vote as a unit on a particular question, as when all senators present are presumed to vote yes en bloc on consent bills

**Enacting Clause** — the clause preceding any legislative measure which expresses formally the legislative sanction of the body promulgating the enactment

**Engrossment** — the act of perfecting an item of legislation in accordance with any amendments which have been adopted to it since its origin

**Enrollment** — the act of comparing a printed bill to be transmitted to the governor with the original introduced bill with all amendments, so as to ascertain their identical form

**Executive Order** — action by the governor in implementing his authority under the law

**Executive Session** — a meeting of any deliberative body which excludes from attendance any person who is not a member of the body or one of its essential staff

**Ex Officio** — the holding of an office or assumption of a duty by virtue of holding a particular office, as when the majority floor leader is by virtue of that office an *ex officio* member of the Legislative Research Commission

**Expunge** — action to delete certain portions of the official record of a legislative body

**File** — a collection of documents belonging in the same or similar category; or the act of presenting a paper or document to an official entity such as a court or legislative body
Fiscal Note — an attachment to a bill or resolution indicating its impact on the finances of the particular political jurisdiction it would affect

Floor — the area of a legislative chamber which is occupied by the members and staff of the body

Floor Amendment — an amendment filed with the clerk to be considered on the third reading of the bill to which it has been filed

Gallery — the area of a legislative chamber from which the proceedings may be viewed by spectators; usually a balcony or other raised area

General Orders — a list of measures eligible for debate, amendment, and voting on a given day without reference to a particular time of day or place in the order of business

Germaneness — the relevance or appropriateness of a particular question, usually an amendment

Gerrymandering — the act of drawing legislative district boundaries to gain partisan or factional political advantages

Governor’s Proclamation — the document issued by the governor to convene an extraordinary session of the legislative body

Grandfather Clause — exemption from regulation for certain persons having engaged in the regulated activity for a specified period of time prior to the effective date of the regulatory legislation

Hearing — a meeting, usually of a committee, at which testimony on a question or issue is accepted, whether from the public generally or from invited witnesses

Hopper — colloquial name given the repository for bills awaiting introduction; in Kentucky, such bills are filed with the clerk

House — one body of deliberation in a legislature; customarily a shortened name for the House of Representatives

Immunity — constitutionally, legislators are privileged from arrest, except for certain offenses, and may not be brought to question for remarks made in speech or debate on the floor

Impeachment — a legal procedure, originating in the legislative branch of government, by which public officials may be removed from office by reason of misconduct

Initiative — a procedure by which the general public may present and require consideration of legislative proposals

Interim — the period of time between sessions of a legislature

Introduction — the presentation of a bill or resolution to the legislative body for its consideration

Invocation — the prayer preceding each daily session of a legislative body

Joint Sponsorship — a procedure in the Kentucky House of Representatives whereby several members may sponsor legislation without one being a principal sponsor, and each bearing equal responsibility for endorsing the measure

Journal — the official, written record of the proceedings of a legislative body

Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) — the official title of statute law in Kentucky; each bill creates, amends, or repeals a section of the KRS

Lay on the Clerk’s Desk, Motion to — an action to place a measure in a position of temporary postponement
**Lay on the Table, Motion to** — an action to declare a measure defeated

**Legislative Advocate** — a person, usually under hire, engaged in representing a particular interest or group of interests before the legislature; commonly referred to as a lobbyist

**Legislative Analyst** — a staff person engaged to determine the effects of legislation, and assist a committee in its deliberations

**Legislator** — a member of the legislature

**Legislature** — a deliberative, representative assembly formed by constitution to enact change in statute law; usually the term “legislature” refers to the state level of government

**Lobbyist** — see Legislative Advocate

**Majority Caucus Chair** — a member affiliated with the majority party, who is responsible for convening the caucus of his party, and presiding over its deliberations

**Majority Floor Leader** — a member affiliated with the majority party, designated to act for the party during the proceedings on the floor

**Majority Party** — the political party whose members occupy at least one more than half of the total membership of the body

**Majority Whip** — a member affiliated with the majority party, designated to assist the floor leader during proceedings on the floor

**Mason's Manual** — a volume of parliamentary law and procedure providing a basis for ruling on questions of order in the General Assembly

**Members-Elect** — persons having been elected members of a legislative body, but not yet having been sworn into office

**Message** — an official communication from beyond the body which is read into and made a portion of its journal

**Minority Floor Leader** — the minority party officer corresponding to the majority floor leader

**Minority Caucus Chair** — a member affiliated with the minority party, who is responsible for convening the caucus of his party, and presiding over its deliberations

**Minority Report** — a report filed by those members of a committee in the minority relative to the decision of the majority of the committee; the minority report may be adopted in lieu of the majority report

**Minority Whip** — a member affiliated with the minority party, designated to assist the floor leader during proceedings on the floor

**Minutes** — the written record of proceedings of a deliberative body

**Motion** — a proposal, usually oral, made to the presiding officer calling for specific action by the body; the motion is the principal tool used to conduct legislative business

**Nomination** — the placement of a person’s name in consideration for election or appointment to an office

**Non-Debatable** — those subjects or motions which under parliamentary rules may not be discussed or debated

**Oath of Office** — oath or vow taken by public officials prior to being seated and taking up their official duties

**Ombudsman** — an official, usually appointed, charged with the duty of receiving and investigating public complaints, and directing action thereon by the responsible agency
**Order of Business** — the defined routine of procedure in the legislative body each day; may be deviated from only by suspension of the rules

**Orders of the Day** — a list of bills and resolutions scheduled for third reading, debate, amendment, and vote on a particular day

**Out of Order** — the offer of an improper motion, amendment, or question to a deliberative body

**Oversight Committee** — a committee, usually legislative, created to maintain a review of some aspect or operation of government, usually related to the executive branch

**Pairs or Pairings** — an arrangement between two members by which they agree to be recorded as voting on opposite sides of an issue, and be absent when the vote is taken

**Parliamentary Inquiry** — a question posed to the presiding officer for clarification of a particular point in the proceedings

**Passage** — the approval of a bill or resolution by way of an affirmative vote

**Per Diem** — a basis of compensation for services, from day to day

**Petition** — a formal, written request submitted by an individual or group to some official body or agency

**Pink Sheet** — the colloquial term applied to the form used for technical or typographical changes to bills in Kentucky without benefit of amendment; this form originates in the Legislative Research Commission

**Point of Order** — the calling of attention to a breach of order or the rules

**Point of Personal Privilege** — defense of the rights, reputation, or conduct of a legislator in his or her official capacity

**Postpone Indefinitely, Motion to** — action to prevent consideration of a measure for the remainder of the session, unless a constitutional majority sustains a motion to reconsider the matter

**Postpone to a Fixed Time, Motion to** — to defer consideration of a question until a time specified in the motion

**Precedent** — previous evidence or example for action or decision of a question

**Prefiled Bill** — a bill filed prior to the session, for public discussion and printing

**President** — the presiding officer in the Senate

**President Pro Tempore** — the Senator, elected by the Senate, chosen to preside in lieu of the President when such officer is absent or unable to preside

**Presiding Officer** — the person designated to preside over the proceedings of a legislative body

**Pressure Group** — a group or organization which attempts to influence action on legislation

**Previous Question, Motion for** — action to prevent additional debate on or amendment of a question, and to cause an immediate vote on the matter at issue

**Privileged Motion** — motions to which a special status is applied, whereby such take precedence if offered while other matters are pending

**Privilege of the Floor** — authorization for members of the general public to visit the floor, granted usually for the day

**Procedure** — rules and traditional practices of the respective houses of the legislature

**Quorum** — the number of members of a legislative body which must be present to transact business
Quorum Call — action to require a call of the roll to determine the presence of a quorum

Ratify — to approve and make valid

Reading — each bill to be enacted in Kentucky must have three readings, generally by title and sponsor in each house

Reapportionment — redrawing legislative district boundaries to provide equality of representation

Recall — to cause removal of a legislative enactment or public official by popular action

Recede — to undo action previously taken

Recess — intermission during a daily session, usually for caucus or committee meetings

Recommit, Motion to — action to send a measure to committee after it has been previously reported

Reconsider, Motion to — action to retake a vote; the motion may be offered only by a member having voted previously on the prevailing side

Refer — to send a measure or question to committee

Referendum — submission of a question to decision by the electorate

Repeal — to delete and make of no effect

Report — to communicate an opinion or recommendations

Rescind — to annul or undo an action previously taken

Resolution, Concurrent — expression of opinion or request by both houses of a legislature, without the force of law

Resolution, Joint — to enact matters of law not to be made a portion of the statutes

Resolution, Simple — expression or request by one chamber

Resolving Clause — language in a resolution defining the action taken

Revenue — the yield of taxes and other sources of public moneys

Revision — the process of inserting the enactments of a session into existing statute law

Ripper Bill — a colloquial term applied to legislation designed to harm a particular person or bill

Roll Call — to determine a vote on a question by the taking of names in favor and opposed

Rules — a code of procedure adopted by each chamber of a legislature to govern its operations

Ruling of a Chair — a decision by the presiding officer concerning a question of order or procedure

Secretarial Pool — a group of clerical personnel maintained by each clerk’s office to do stenographic work for legislators

Section — a division of a bill or statute, separated according to topic covered or action taken

Seniority — length of service as bearing on duties or functions

Session, Extraordinary — a session convened by call of the Governor; usually called a “special session.”

Simple Majority — a majority of those voting on a question

Sine Die — See Adjournment

Speaker — the presiding officer of the House of Representatives
**Speaker Pro Tempore** — the member of the House of Representatives selected to preside in the absence or inability of the Speaker

**Special Order** — an action predetermined to occur at a specific time on a specific date

**Sponsor** — the legislator responsible for presenting an item of legislation to the body

**Stationery Allowance** — an allowance to each member per session for the purchase of stationery

**Stopping the Clock** — an occasional tactic on the final evening of a regular session whereby the proceedings continue into the following day, with the clock and journal continuing to indicate occurrences of action on the preceding day

**Sunset Legislation** — a law requiring termination of a particular agency or program on a predetermined date, unless justification for continuance is presented to the legislature prior to such occurrence

**Suspend the Rules** — action to negate the application of a particular rule of procedure; the rule and purpose must be stated in the motion to suspend

**Term of Office** — the period of time for which a person is elected or appointed to occupy an office or position

**Title** — a caption indicating the subject matter of a bill or resolution, required by the Constitution

**Unanimous Consent** — a vote, by voice, expressing adoption of a question without dissent or objection

**Unicameral** — a legislature composed of one chamber

**Veto** — rejection of an enactment without authority to modify; usually the prerogative of the Governor

**Veto Override** — authority of the legislature to overturn a rejection of legislation by the Governor

**Voice Vote** — a method of voting whereby only a vocal response to a question is indicated

**Vote** — a decision on a question by a member of a deliberative body, either affirmative or negative

**Withdraw** — to recall, remove, or delete a question from consideration

**Yield** — a parliamentary term referring to the cession of the floor by one member or another
Limited Abbreviations

ADD Area Development District
AICPA Association of Independent Certified Public Accountants
ALEC American Legislative Exchange Council
BG Bowling Green
Cert Certified
Co County, Counties
CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates
CPE Council on Postsecondary Education
CSG Council of State Governments
DAR Daughters of the American Revolution
Devel Development
DAV Disabled American Veterans
EKU Eastern Kentucky University
FFA Future Farmers of America
Hon Honorary, Honorable
Ind Independent
Inst Institute
KACo Ky Association of Counties
KY Bar Assoc Ky Bar Association
KY Med Assoc Ky Medical Association
KASSP Ky Association of School Superintendents and Principals
KCTCS Ky Community & Technical College System
KHSAA Ky High School Athletics Association
KRTA Ky Retired Teachers Association
KSCPA Ky Society of Certified Public Accountants
KSU Kentucky State University
LRC Legislative Research Commission
MoSU Morehead State University
MuSU Murray State University
NAIA National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
NKU Northern Kentucky University
NAACP National Association for Advancement of Colored People
NCSL National Conference of State Legislatures
NLC National Legislative Conference
NRA National Rifle Association
PTA Parent Teacher Association
Reg Regional

Rep Representative (sales, marketing)
Ret Retired
SACS Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SLC Southern Legislative Conference
SREB Southern Regional Education Board
Soc Society
Supt Superintendent
Tem Tempore
UK University of Kentucky
UofL University of Louisville
USAF US Air Force
VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars
WKU Western Kentucky University
YMCA Young Men’s Christian Association

Academic Degrees

AA Associate in Arts
AB Bachelor of Arts
BA Bachelor of Arts
BBA Bachelor of Business Administration
BEd Bachelor of Education
BM Ed Bachelor of Music in Education
BS Bachelor of Science
BSCE Bachelor of Science and Civil Engineering
BMGT Business Management
EdD Doctor of Education
DC Doctor of Chiropractic
DMD Doctor of Dental Medicine
JD Doctorate of Jurisprudence
LLB Bachelor of Doctor of Laws
LLD Doctor of Laws
MA Master of Arts
MBA Master of Business Administration
MD Doctor of Medicine
ME Ed Master of Education
MPA Master of Public Administration
MPPM Master of Public Policy Management
MS Master of Science
MSW Master of Social Work
PhD Doctor of Philosophy
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