



# 2012 Kentucky General Assembly Directory

## Visitors' Guide

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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.

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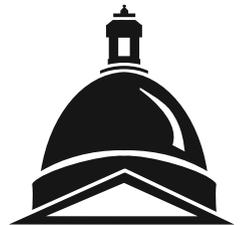
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### Foreword

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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# Kentucky General Assembly

## Senate



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**Minority Caucus Chair**



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**Majority Whip**



Danny Ford  
**Minority Whip**

# 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

Brent Housman (R), Vice Chair  
David Osborne (R), Vice Chair  
Steve Riggs (D), Vice Chair  
Kevin Sinnette (D), Vice Chair

### **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  
Brent Yonts (D), Vice Chair

### **Labor & Industry**

Rick G. Nelson (D), Chair  
Joni L. Jenkins (D), Vice Chair  
Charles Miller (D), Vice Chair  
Michael J. Nemes (R), Vice Chair  
Jim Stewart III (R), Vice Chair

### **Licensing & Occupations**

Dennis Keene (D), Chair  
Wade Hurt (D), Vice Chair  
Reginald Meeks (D), Vice Chair  
Charles Miller (D), Vice Chair  
David Osborne (R), Vice Chair  
Susan Westrom (D), Vice Chair

### **Local Government**

Steve Riggs (D), Chair  
Mike Denham (D), Vice Chair  
Adam Koenig (R), Vice Chair  
Michael Meredith (R), Vice Chair  
Jim Wayne (D), Vice Chair

### **Natural Resources & Environment**

Jim Gooch Jr. (D), Chair  
Tim Couch (R), Vice Chair  
Keith Hall (D), Vice Chair  
Fitz Steele (D), Vice Chair  
Jim Stewart III (R), Vice Chair

### **State Government**

Mike Cherry (D), Chair  
Jim Glenn (D), Vice Chair  
Derrick Graham (D), Vice Chair  
Lonnie Napier (R), Vice Chair  
Carl Rollins II (D), Vice Chair  
Steven Rudy (R), Vice Chair

### **Tourism Development & Energy**

Leslie Combs (D), Chair  
Mike Harmon (R), Vice Chair  
Kim King (R), Vice Chair  
Fitz Steele (D), Vice Chair

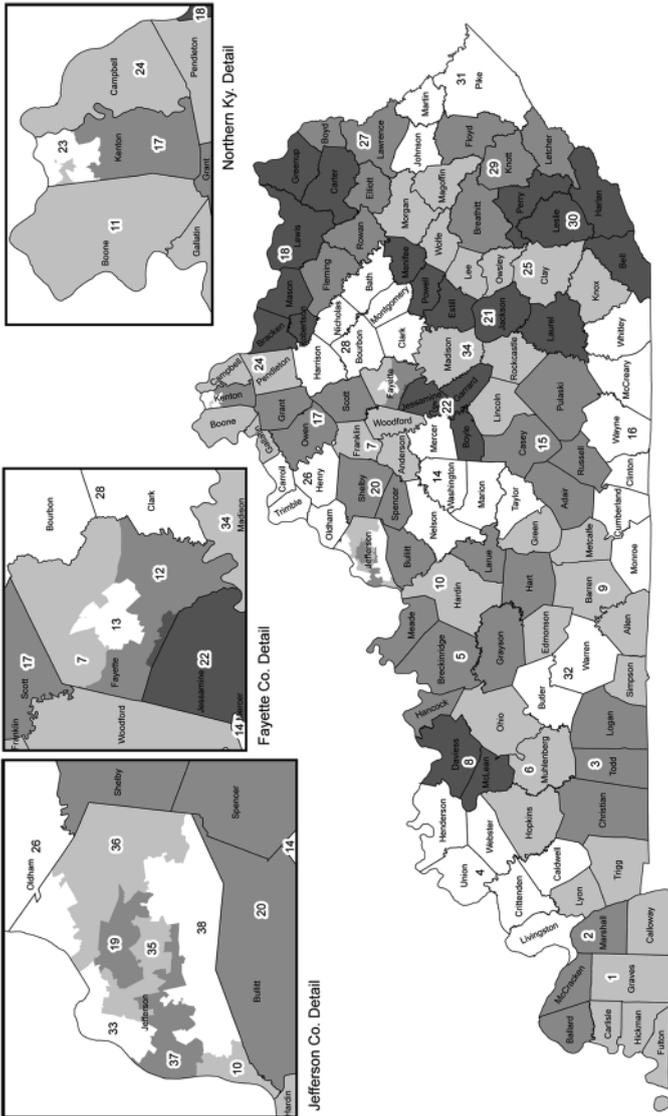
### **Transportation**

Hubert Collins (D), Chair  
Leslie Combs (D), Vice Chair  
Marie Rader (R), Vice Chair  
Tommy Turner (R), Vice Chair

### **Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Safety**

Tanya Pullin (D), Chair  
Myron Dossett (R), Vice Chair  
David Floyd (R), Vice Chair  
Jeff Greer (D), Vice Chair  
John Tilley (D), Vice Chair

# Senate Districts



## Senate

Republicans	22
Democrats	15
Independent	1

*Republican*  
Senate 2005-Present



Education, Chair

**SENATE 1**



**Calloway  
Carlisle  
Fulton  
Graves  
Hickman  
Lyon  
Trigg**

### **Senator Ken Winters**

Born 1934. Educator (Ret Univ Pres). Baptist. MuSU, BS Indiana Univ, MS. Univ. of Northern Colorado, EdD. US Army/Army Reserves Experimental Aircraft Assoc. Lions Club. NRA. Technology Today Magazine, Magazine Editorial Bd. SACS. NAIA. Alumni Distinction Award. Distinguished Military Science Graduate. Distinguished Alumnus Award. CPE. Assoc of Ind KY Colleges & Universities, Pres. Mid-South (Athletics) Conference, Pres.

*Independent*  
Senate 1991-Present



Appropriations &  
Revenue, Chair

**SENATE 2**



**Ballard  
Marshall  
McCracken**

### **Senator Bob Leeper**

Born December 8, 1958. Chiropractor. Baptist. Paducah Community College. Sherman College of Chiropractic. Lone Oak Lions Club. World Chiropractic Alliance. Paducah Chamber of Commerce. Paducah past Mayor Pro Tem. Paducah City Commissioner.

**3 SENATE**

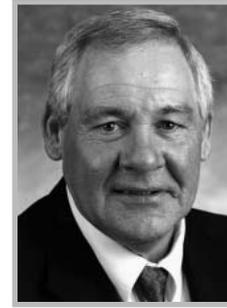
**Christian  
Logan  
Todd**



*Democrat*  
Senate 1993-Present

**Senator Joey Pendleton**

Born May 3, 1946. Farmer. MuSU, Farm Operations Mgr. Baptist. Hopkinsville Community College. MuSU. Army Natl Guard 1968-1974. Outstanding Young Dairyman of the Southeast. Conrad Feltner 4-H Alumni Award. MuSU Agricultural Support Award. KY Mental Health Coalition Distinguished Service Award. KY Brain Injury Coalition STAR Award. KY Health Care Facilities Better Life Award. KY Assoc of Conservation Districts Distinguished Service Award. Outstanding Layperson of the Year, KY Optometrist Assoc Distinguished Service Award. Kiwanis. Fraternal Order of Eagles. Christian Co Extension Council. Friends of 4-H. North Am International Livestock Expo, Exec Committee. Am Jersey Cattle Assoc, Natl Bd. Pennyryle ADD, District Bd. Christian Co Democratic Assoc. Christian Co Magistrate 1990-1993. Pres Pro Tem 1999. Senate Minority Whip 2005-2008.



*Republican*  
Senate 2005-Present

Majority Whip

**Senator Carroll Gibson**

Born May 26, 1945. Ret, Grayson Co Circuit Court Clerk. Baptist. WKU, BS. KY Assoc of Circuit Court Clerks. Grayson Co Chamber of Commerce.

**SENATE 5**

**Breckinridge  
Grayson  
Hancock  
Hart  
Larue  
Meade**

**4 SENATE**

**Caldwell  
Crittenden  
Henderson  
Livingston  
Union  
Webster**



*Democrat*  
House 1987-94  
Senate 2004-Present

**Senator Dorsey Ridley**

Born November 26, 1953. Reg Business Devel Dir of Independence Bank. Presbyterian. WKU, BS Business Admin. Optimist Club. Masonic Lodge. Henderson Rotary Club.

*Democrat*  
Senate 2003-Present

Minority Whip

**Senator Jerry P. Rhoads**

Born July 5, 1941. Attorney, Rhoads and Rhoads, PSC. Baptist. MuSU, BA. UK, JD. US Army, Captain, Judge Advocate Generals Corp. UK College of Law Alumni, Bd, past member. MuSU Alumni, past member. UK Fellow, Lafferty Soc. Hopkins Co Family YMCA, Bd, past Pres. Building Drive, Chair. Hopkins Co United Way, Bd, Vice Pres. Downtown Kiwanis. Am Legion. KY Academy of Trial Attorneys, past Pres. Crime stoppers, past Bd. Madisonville-Hopkins Co Chamber of Commerce, past Pres. Hopkins Co Revenue Task Force, Chair. Senate Minority Whip 2009.

**SENATE 6**

**Hopkins  
Muhlenberg  
Ohio**



**7 SENATE**

**Anderson  
Fayette  
Franklin  
Woodford**



*Democrat*  
House 1962-71  
Senate 2005-Present

**Senator Julian M. Carroll**

Born April 16, 1931. Attorney. Lay Minister, First Assembly of God. UK, BA. UK College of Law, LL.D. KY Teachers' Retirement Bd. Franklin Co Bar Assoc. Honorary Rotarian. New Covenant Fellowship Bd. Fellowship of Christian Athletes. VFW. Hon doctorates from UK, MoSU, EKV, Lincoln Memorial Univ, MuSU, Boy Scout Silver Antelope Award, 1980. Speaker of the House 1968-1971. Lt. Governor 1972-1975. Acting Governor 1975. Governor 1976-80.

**8 SENATE**

**Daviess  
McLean**



*Republican*  
House 2005-06  
Senate 2011-Present

**Senator Joe Bowen**

Born April 22, 1950. Partner, Bowen Tire Co Inc. Protestant. UK 1972, BS. Owensboro YMCA Bd past Chair. Owensboro, Daviess Co Hospital Inc. Bd, past member. KY State Parks Foundation Bd, past Chair.

**SENATE 9**

**Allen  
Barren  
Edmonson  
Green  
Metcalf  
Simpson**



*Republican*  
Senate 2009-Present

Agriculture, Chair  
Health & Welfare, Vice  
Chair

**Senator David Givens**

Born 1966. Presbyterian. Managing Partner Central Farmers Supply. 1985 Green Co High School, valedictorian. WKU, MA 1997. WKU, BS Ag 1989. Founding Bd member Green Co, Ag Dept. Upward Basketball Supporter.

**SENATE 10**

**Hardin  
Jefferson**



*Democrat*  
Senate 2011-Present

**Senator Dennis Parrett**

Born October 30, 1959. Co-owner, Cecilia Farm Service. Catholic. UK 1981, BS Ag Economics. KY FFA Foundation. North Central Ed Foundation. Hardin Co Regional Farmers Market Foundation. UK College of Ag Outstanding Alumnus. Hardin Co Schools Distinguished Alumni. Hardin Co Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award.

**11 SENATE****Boone  
Gallatin  
Kenton***Republican*  
Senate 2009-PresentLicensing, Occupations,  
& Administrative  
Regulations, Chair  
State & Local  
Government, Vice Chair**Senator John Schickel**

Born March 29, 1954. Ret Law Enforcement Officer. Roman Catholic. NKU, MPA. League of KY Sportsman. Fraternal Order of Police. Florence Rotary Club. Boone Co Business Assoc. Named Outstanding Official of the Year by the Northern KY Municipal League.

**12 SENATE****Fayette***Republican*  
Senate 1999-PresentEconomic Development,  
Tourism & Labor, Chair**Senator Alice Forgy Kerr**

Born August 30, 1954. Community Vol. Baptist. WKU, BS Ed & Music, MA, Higher Ed. PEO Educational Sorority. United Way of the Bluegrass. KY Baptist Homes for Children Bd. Calvary Baptist Church. Sunday School Teacher.

**SENATE 13****Fayette***Democrat*  
House 1997-08  
Senate 2009-Present**Senator Kathy W. Stein**

Born 1955. Attorney. Jewish. Univ of Virginia, Clinch Valley College, BA. UK, JD. Fayette Co Domestic Violence Prevention Bd. Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Bd of Trustees. Appalachian School of Law, Advisory Committee. Americans United for Separation of Church & State. Governor's Council on Domestic Violence. Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

*Republican*  
House 2003-09  
Senate 2009-PresentLicensing, Occupations,  
& Administrative  
Regulations, Vice Chair**Senator Jimmy Higdon**

Born July 15, 1953. Catholic. MoSU, BS. US Army Reserve. Marion Co Economic Development Bd. KY Grocers Assoc Bd. Lebanon-Marion Co Industrial Foundation Bd. Mid-South Retail Group, former Bd member. Super Foods, former Bd member. Lebanon Little League Football, former Bd member. Lebanon Housing Authority, former Bd member. KY Junior Miss, former Bd member. Lebanon-Springfield Airport, former Bd member. Marion Co Chamber of Commerce, former Bd member.

**SENATE 14****Marion  
Mercer  
Nelson  
Taylor  
Washington**

**15 SENATE**

Adair  
Casey  
Pulaski  
Russell



*Republican*  
Senate 1997-Present

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

**Senator Vernie McGaha**

Born September 13, 1947. Ret Educator. Baptist. BS, MA, Rank I.

**16 SENATE**

Clinton  
Cumberland  
McCreary  
Monroe  
Wayne  
Whitley



*Republican*  
House 1985-86  
Senate 1987-Present

Senate President

Committee on  
Committees, Chair  
Rules, Chair

**Senator David L. Williams**

Born May 28, 1953. Attorney. Methodist. UK, BGA, Alumni Assoc. UofL, JD, Alumni Assoc. KY Bar Assoc. SLC Chair 2006. Constitutional Review Commission 1987. KY League of Cities Big Hitter Award 2002. Friend of Tobacco 2000. Natl Republican Legislators Assoc's Republican Legislator of the Year 2000. ALEC Legislator of the Year. Council of State Governments Chair. Minority Caucus Chair 1990. Minority Floor Leader 1999. LRC Co-Chair. Natl exec committees: Senate Presidents Forum and NCSL.

**SENATE 17**

Grant  
Kenton  
Owen  
Scott



*Republican*  
Senate 2003-Present

State & Local  
Government, Chair

**Senator Damon Thayer**

Pres, Thayer Communications & Consulting, LLC. Catholic. Michigan State Univ, BA. Scott Co Chamber of Commerce. NRA. KY Right to Life. KY Colonels. League of KY Property Owners. Republican Party of KY, Exec Committee Vice Chair 1999-2004. KY League of Cities Big Hitter Award 2006. KY Harness Horseman's Assoc Leadership Award 2006.

**SENATE 18**

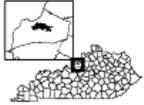
Bracken  
Carter  
Greenup  
Lewis  
Mason  
Robertson



*Democrat*  
House 1999-09  
Senate 2009-Present

**Senator Robin L. Webb**

Born September 6, 1960. Attorney. Baptist. MoSU, AAS, BS, NKU, JD. KY Bar Association Chair, Criminal Law, Committee on Domestic Violence & Child Protection. MoSU Alumni Bd. Grayson Chamber of Commerce. Carter Co Fair Bd. Carter Recreational Alliance Board. Natl Wild Turkey Federation. Ducks Unlimited. NRA Life Member. Chair KY Sportsmans Ca. Natl Assembly of Sportsman's Caucus' Exec Council. Former KY Young Democrat State Pres, Natl Committee Woman. Young Democrats of America General Counsel. Carter Youth Soccer Coach. MTXE Youth Basketball Coach. State Rep Jan 1999-Aug 2009.

**19 SENATE****Jefferson**

*Democrat*  
Senate 1989-Present

**Senator Tim Shaughnessy**

Born August 22, 1957. Roman Catholic. Visiting Scholar in Community College Leadership, KCTCS, Jefferson Community College. UofL, BS. Bellarmine College, MBA. Spalding University, EdD.

**20 SENATE****Bullitt  
Shelby  
Spencer**

*Republican*  
Senate 2011-Present

**Senator Paul Hornback**

Self-employed farmer. Catholic. Shelby Co High School. KY Bankers Assoc. Shelby Co Chamber of Commerce. Farm Bureau.

**SENATE 21****Estill  
Jackson  
Laurel  
Menifee  
Powell**

*Republican*  
House 1989-96  
Senate 2005-Present

Judiciary, Chair  
Natural Resources &  
Energy, Vice Chair

**Senator Tom Jensen**

Born December 29, 1948. Attorney. Sue Bennett Jr College. Cumberland College, BS. NKU, JD. KY Bar Assoc. Laurel Co Bar Assoc. Masonic Lodge. Shriner. House Minority Floor Leader 1991-1994.

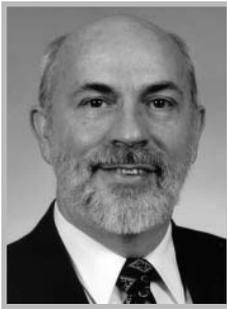
**SENATE 22****Boyle  
Fayette  
Garrard  
Jessamine**

*Republican*  
Senate 1991-Present

Banking & Insurance,  
Chair

**Senator Tom Buford**

Born 1949. Property Management. Disciples of Christ. UK, BS. Am Inst of Banking. UK Alumni Assoc. Rotary. Arts Council. Humane Soc. Jessamine Co Chamber of Commerce. Jessamine Co Ed Foundation. Nicholasville Christian Church, Elder. United Way. 4-H Adult Leader. KY School for the Deaf, Advisory Bd. Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Task Force. NRLA Legislator of the Year. Minority Whip 1991-1992. Minority Caucus Chair 1993-1996.

**23 SENATE**

*Republican*  
Senate 1997-Present

Economic Development,  
Tourism & Labor, Vice  
Chair  
Enrollment, Chair  
Veterans, Military  
Affairs, & Public  
Protection, Chair

**Senator Jack Westwood**

Born March 6, 1944. Ret Private School Teacher. Church of Christ. UK, BA English. NKU, ME Ed. Erlanger-Elsmere Bd of Ed, former member. Northern KY/ KY Retired Teachers Assoc. Northern KY/KY Right to Life. Future Governance Task Force. ALEC. KY Literacy Partnership member.

**SENATE 25**

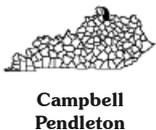
*Republican*  
Senate 1997-Present

Majority Floor Leader

Committee on  
Committees, Vice Chair  
Rules, Vice Chair

**Senator Robert Stivers II**

Born December 24, 1961. Attorney. Presbyterian. Sue Bennett College BS Industrial Mgt, minor Economics. UK, JD. UofL. Mason. Sue Bennett Junior College, Bd of Trustees. SREB, delegate. AARP Appreciation Award 2002. Clay Co Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year 2000. KY River Lincoln Club Outstanding Service Award 2002. Majority Floor Leader 2009-present.

**24 SENATE**

*Republican*  
House 1995-98  
Senate 1999-Present

President Pro Tem

Judiciary, Vice Chair

**Senator Katie Stine**

Born December 6, 1956. Attorney. Homemaker. Episcopalian. Univ of Cincinnati, BS. NKU, JD. KY Bar Assoc. Ft Thomas Weekday Religious Ed Program. Jr League of Cincinnati. Episcopal Church Women. Ft. Thomas Garden Club. DAR. Homemakers Club. Taxpayers Best Friend, KY Taxpayers United. Guardian of Small Business, Natl Federation of Ind Businesses. Friend of Physical Therapy Award, KY Physical Therapists Assoc. Friend of the Merit Shop, Assoc of Builders and Contractors. Friend of Tobacco Farmers, Burley Tobacco Cooperative. Received highest rating in the Senate by KY Forward, a group representing small businesses in 2000.

**SENATE 26**

*Republican*  
Senate 1995-Present

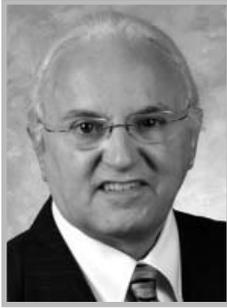
Transportation, Chair

**Senator Ernie Harris**

Born December 23, 1947. Pilot, UPS. Farmer. Southern Baptist. UK, BBA. Webster Univ, MA, Mgt. US Air Force, Ret Lt Colonel. Oldham Co Chamber of Commerce. Oldham Co Farm Bureau. Oldham Co Fair Assoc. Am Legion Post 39. 1996 Golden Staff Award. KY Staffing Services Assoc. Taxpayers Best Friend.

**27 SENATE**

**Boyd  
Elliott  
Fleming  
Lawrence  
Rowan**



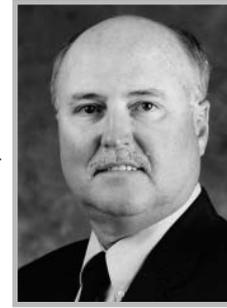
*Democrat*  
House 1982-92  
Senate 1992-Present

**Senator Walter Blevins Jr.**

Born March 29, 1950. Dentist. Baptist. MoSU, BS, UK, DMD. US Army. Morehead Jaycees, past Pres. MoSU Young Democrats. Morehead Optimist Club. Scabbard and Blade. Masons. Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. OKU, Honorary Dental Frat. Pres Pro Tem 1997-1998. Majority Whip 1999.

**SENATE 29**

**Breathitt  
Floyd  
Knott  
Letcher**



*Democrat*  
Senate 2001-Present

Minority Caucus Chair

**Senator Johnny Ray Turner**

Born December 19, 1949. Baptist. Ret Teacher, Coach, Dean of Students. MoSU, BA, MA.

**28 SENATE**

**Bath  
Bourbon  
Clark  
Harrison  
Montgomery  
Nicholas**



*Democrat*  
House 1999-01  
Senate 2001-Present

Minority Floor Leader

**Senator R.J. Palmer II**

Born December 25, 1970. Vice Pres of Ross, Sinclair & Assc. Christian. Transylvania Univ, BA. EKV, MBA. Winchester Rotary. Clark Co Chamber of Commerce, Dir. Leadership Winchester.

**SENATE 30**

**Bell  
Harlan  
Leslie  
Perry**



*Republican*  
House 2001-08  
Senate 2008-Present

Natural Resources &  
Energy, Chair  
Transportation, Vice  
Chair

**Senator Brandon Smith**

Born June 14, 1967. Mohawk Energy, Owner. Presbyterian. UK, BA Political Science. Hazard Lion's Club, past Pres. Master Mason. Shriner. First Presbyterian Church, session member. Boy Scouts of America, District Commissioner, past Den Leader, Pack 90. Crystal Eagle Award. Philanthropy Initiative, Commonwealth Award. House of Representatives 2001-2008.

**31 SENATE****Johnson  
Martin  
Pike***Democrat*  
Senate 2001-Present**Senator Ray S. Jones II**

Born October 6, 1969. Baptist. Attorney, Jones and Hickman PSC. EKV, BA, Magna Cum Laude. UofL, JD. Assistant Pike Co Attorney 1995. Pike Co Bar Assoc, past Pres, 2 terms. Building Dreams Inc, Bd, Chair. KY State Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, Chair 2001-2002.

*Democrat*  
Senate 1989-Present**SENATE 33****Jefferson****Senator Gerald A. Neal**

Born September 22, 1945. Attorney. Baptist. KSU, BA. UofL, JD. Univ of Michigan. KY, Natl Bar Assoc. Urban League. West Louisville Crime Prevention Award. Minority Business, Sterling Award. Region VI Award. City of Louisville & Jefferson Co Distinguished Service Certificates.

**32 SENATE****Butler  
Warren***Republican*  
Senate 2011-Present**Senator Mike Wilson**

Born December 4, 1951. General Manager, WCVK Christian Family Radio. Baptist. California State Univ, BA. Fullerton College, AA. Staff NCO Academy, US Marine Corp. US Marine Corps 1972-1981. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Barren River Area Bd member. BG Area Prayer Breakfast Pres. BG Area Chamber of Commerce. Agri-Business Legislative Committee. Warren Co Extension Office member.

Veterans, Military  
Affairs, & Public  
Protection, Vice Chair*Republican*  
Senate 2011-Present**SENATE 34****Lincoln  
Madison  
Rockcastle****Senator Jared Carpenter**

Born April 26, 1977. Banker, First Southern National Bank. Baptist. EKV, BA Communication, minor Business Admin. Berea Utilities Advisory Bd. KY Bankers Assoc.

**35 SENATE**



*Democrat*  
Senate 2005-Present

**Senator Denise Harper Angel**

Jefferson Co Property Valuation Administrator 1990-2004. Catholic. Attended UofL. River City Business & Prof Women. Metropolitan Louisville Women's Political Caucus. Louisville Forum. Natl Council of Jewish Women. The Women's Network. Southern High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Jefferson Co Democratic Exec Committee. KY PVA Assoc, former Pres. Outstanding Deputy PVA of the Year 1989, Outstanding PVA of the Year 1996.

**36 SENATE**



*Republican*  
Senate 1995-Present

**Senator Julie Denton**

Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair  
Health & Welfare, Chair

Dental Hygienist. Christian. UofL, BS. Leadership KY. CSG. NCSL. ALEC. Carl D Perkins Service Award 2000. Guardian of Small Business Award 1998. Legislator of the Year 1998. Better Life Award 1997. Brain Injury Assoc of KY Star Award 2002.

**SENATE 37**



*Democrat*  
House 1995-06  
Senate 2006-Present

**Senator Perry B. Clark**

Born September 30, 1957. Quality Training. Christian. US Navy. Boy Scouts of America, Vol Merit Badge Counselor, District Chair. Community vol.

**SENATE 38**

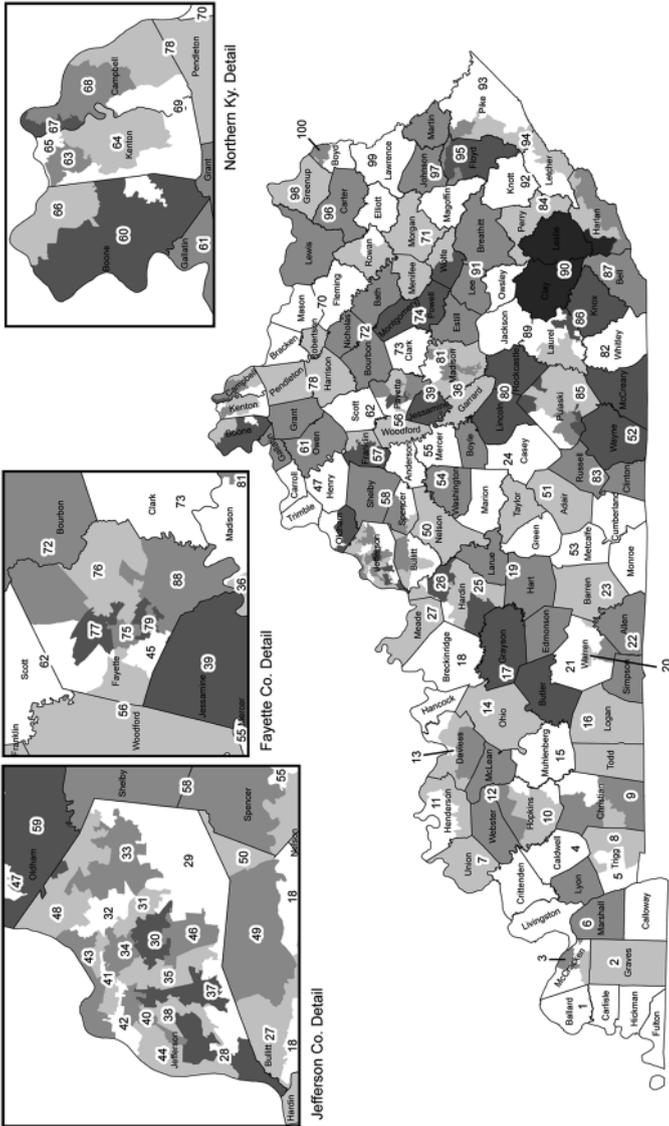


*Republican*  
House 1982-88  
Senate 1989-92  
Senate 1995-Present  
Majority Caucus Chair

**Senator Dan "Malano" Seum**

Born January 28, 1940. Property Mgt. Christian. Natl Guard Officers' Candidate School. Optimist of the Year 1984. KY Prosecutors Leadership Award 1966. Am Athletic Assoc of the Deaf Appreciation Award 1984. Louisville Distinguished Citizen's Award. Certificate of Merit. Senate Banking & Insurance, Chair 1998. Small Business Task Force, former Chair. KY Guardian of Small Business Award, KY Coalition Against Rape/Sexual Assault 1988-1990. Louisville Bd of Alderman. Majority Whip 2005-2007. NCSL Communications, Financial Services & Interstate Commerce Committee 2009-2010.

# House Districts



## House of Representatives

Democrats	59
Republicans	41
Independents	0

*Republican*  
House 2005-Present



State Government, Vice  
Chair

**HOUSE 1**



**Ballard  
Carlisle  
Fulton  
Hickman  
McCracken**

### **Representative Steven Rudy**

Born August 9, 1978. Part Owner, Rudy's Farm Center. Methodist. MuSU, Ag Ed.

*Democrat*  
House 1993-Present



Appropriations &  
Revenue, Vice Chair

**HOUSE 2**



**Graves  
McCracken**

### **Representative Fred Nesler**

Born August 2, 1944. Realtor, Chapman-Nesler Real Estate. Baptist. Mayfield Rotary Club. Mayfield, Graves Co Chamber of Commerce. Mayfield/Graves Co Bd of Realtors. Realtor of the Year 1978.

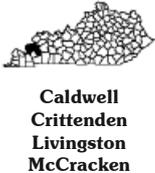
**3 HOUSE**

*Republican*  
House 2009-Present

Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair

**Representative Brent Housman**

Baptist. Hilliard Lyons/Financial Advisor. Union Univ, BS & BA Mgt/Marketing. MuSU, MBA. Union Univ Natl Alumni Assoc Bd of Dir 1999-2002. Will Graham Celebration Finance Chair 2007. Paducah Day Nursery, Pres 2006. Heartland Worship Ctr Past Officer, Deacon & Youth Ministry Vol. Eagle Scout 1990. All American Team-American Funds Award. 2007 Monarch Soc. Hartford Mutual Funds Award. President's Club 2005-2008. Am Legacy Financial Distributors Award. Venture Trailblazer 2005-2008. John Hancock Financial Award.

**4 HOUSE**

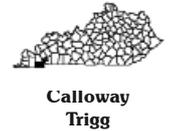
*Democrat*  
House 1999-Present

State Government, Chair

**Representative Mike Cherry**

Born 1943. Businessman. Owner, Capitol Cinemas, Princeton. Presbyterian. MuSU, BS. UofL, MS. Naval War College, MS Equivalent. Ret US Navy Captain. Vietnam War Combat Vet. Elks. VFW. Am Legion. Various Civic Organizations. WOW, Kiwanis, & Elks Citizen of the Year. Princeton Chamber of Commerce Achievement for Outstanding Community Service.

*Democrat*  
House 2005-Present

**HOUSE 5****Representative Melvin B. Henley**

Born 1935. Self-employed. Baptist. USAF 1954-1958. MuSU, BS, MBA. Univ of Mississippi, PhD. US Chemical Soc. Citizen of the Year. Murray-Calloway Co Chamber of Commerce. Exec of the Year. Murray Administrative Asst Chapter.

*Democrat*  
House 2008-Present

**HOUSE 6**

Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair

**Representative Will Coursey**

Born October 22, 1978. Sr Business Devel Officer, First KY Bank. Baptist. UK, Political Science. Marshall Co Habitat for Humanity. Marshall Co Young Democrats. Marshall Co Outstanding Young Democrat Award.

**7 HOUSE****Daviess  
Henderson  
Union***Democrat*  
House 1995-PresentAgriculture & Small  
Business, Vice Chair  
Appropriations &  
Revenue, Vice Chair**Representative John A. Arnold Jr.**

Born August 23, 1944. Chiropractor, Farmer, Businessman. Baptist. Sturgis past Mayor, City Councilman. US Army. KY Assoc of Chiropractors Inc. Am Chiropractic Assoc. Fellow of International College of Chiropractic. KAC. Sturgis Air Bd. Union Co Economic Devel Bd. Kiwanis Club, past Pres. Chiropractor of the Year 1988. Jaycees Outstanding Citizen Award.

**8 HOUSE****Christian  
Trigg***Democrat*  
House 2007-PresentJudiciary, Chair  
Veterans, Military  
Affairs, & Public Safety,  
Vice Chair**Representative John Tilley**

Born December 25, 1968. Attorney, Jason E. Holland Attorney at Law. Methodist. UK, BA. NKU, JD. YMCA Bd. Chamber of Commerce, Bd Chair, Vice Chair, Chair-Elect. United Way, Campaign Chair. Rotary Club Board. Leadership Hopkinsville Bd. Bar Assoc, Past Pres. Walnut Street Ctr Bd & Foundation, Chair. Pro Bono Publico Award. Commonwealth Scholar. Multiple AP Awards. KACo, Legislative Excellence Award 2010. Am Cancer Soc, 2010 Capitol Dome Award for Outstanding Leadership. KCAA, Legislative Excellence Award 2010. KY Retail Federation, 2010 Friend of the Retail Industry. KY Domestic Violence Assoc, Committed to Peace in KY Homes Award 2010. KY Public Defense, 2011 Public Advocate Award.

*Republican*  
House 2007-PresentEconomic Development,  
Vice Chair  
Veterans, Military  
Affairs, & Public Safety,  
Vice Chair**Representative Myron Dossett**

Born January 9, 1961. Business Owner. Christian. Christian Co Fiscal Court, former Magistrate. Ruritan Club.

**HOUSE 9****Christian****HOUSE 10****Hopkins***Republican*  
House 2011-Present**Representative Ben Waide**

Born May 17, 1963. Physical Therapist, Liberty Rehabilitation. Baptist. UofL, 1987 BA Health Science.

**11 HOUSE****Henderson**

*Democrat*  
House 2007-Present

Health & Welfare, Vice  
Chair

**Representative David Watkins**

Born 1943. Physician, The Heart Group. Christian. WKU, BS, MA. UofL, MD. Henderson Co Chamber of Commerce. Henderson Co Medical Soc. KY Medical Assoc. Am Medical Assoc. AAFP. Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Soc.

*Democrat*  
House 2007-Present

State Government, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Jim Glenn**

Born February 17, 1948. Associate Professor of Business Admin, Owensboro Community & Technical College. Christian. Wisconsin State Univ, BA BMGT. Univ of Wisconsin-Osh Kosh, MBA Marketing. UK, Doctorate of Higher Ed. Munday Sr Ctr, Bd of Dir. British Experience in Living and Learning Study of 2002. KEA-SP Faculty Member of the Year 2002. Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce 2005-2006. Owensboro History & Science Museum, former Bd member. Owensboro River Park Civic Ctr, former Bd member.

**HOUSE 13****Daviess****12 HOUSE****Daviess  
Hopkins  
McLean  
Webster**

*Democrat*  
House 1995-Present

Natural Resources &  
Environment, Chair

**Representative Jim Gooch Jr.**

Born 1951. Insurance Agent. Baptist. Providence, past Mayor. City Councilman 1990-1993. Providence Chamber of Commerce, past Pres. Providence Ruritan Club, past Pres. Providence Jaycees, past Pres, Citizen of the Year 1990. Providence Chamber of Commerce. Providence, Webster Co Airport Bd. Webster Co Economic Devel Corp, former Bd member. KY Jaycees, Membership Vice Pres, Community Devel Vice Pres, State Treas.

*Democrat*  
House 2003-Present

Majority Whip

**Representative Tommy Thompson**

Born October 10, 1948. Pres, Thompson Homes Inc. Catholic. Univ of Florida, BSBA. Indiana Univ, MBA. BB & T, Bd. Jr Achievement of Owensboro. Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club. Leadership Owensboro. Brescia Univ, Bd of Trustees. Local School-To-Work Program, Vol. Mayor's Award for Excellence 1994. State of KY Housing Hall of Fame 2000. Natl Housing Hall of Fame 2000. Outstanding Young Man of Owensboro 1977. Outstanding Young Men of America 1981.

**HOUSE 14****Daviess  
Ohio**

**15 HOUSE****Christian  
Hopkins  
Muhlenberg***Democrat*  
House 1997-PresentAppropriations &  
Revenue, Vice Chair  
Judiciary, Vice Chair**Representative Brent Yonts**

Born March 21, 1949. Attorney. Baptist. MuSU, BS, Magna Cum Laude. UK, JD. US Army, 1st Lt. Adjutant General Corps. Alpha Chi Honor Soc. KY Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Sunrise Children's Services, Dir. Third District Friend of Ed Award 1998. KESPA Appreciation Award 1998. KY League of Cities Legislative Award 2003. Pond River Ducks Unlimited 20-Year Sponsor Award 2003. Distinguished Freshman Legislator 1998. NCSL Labor & Workforce Devel Committee, Vice Chair 2005-2006. NCSL Labor & Economic Devel Committee, Vice Chair, 2006-2007, Chair 2008-2009. Regional Dir Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. NCSL Standing Committee, Immediate Past Chair 2009-2010. NCSL Standing Committee, Overall Vice Chair 2009-2010. KY Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, Chair.

**16 HOUSE****Logan  
Todd***Democrat*  
House 2009-Present**Representative Martha Jane King**

Born April 13, 1955. Christian. Transportation Agent. WKU. Licensed Realtor. Red River Meeting House Church & Cemetery Bd of Dir 1997-present, Sect/Treas 1988-present; Logan Co Chamber of Commerce. Boy Scouts of Am. Double Eagle Mom. Eagle Scout Mentor. Eagle Bd of Review. Logan County Democratic Exec Committee Chair 2004-2007, Vice Chair 2000-2004. Logan Co Democratic Woman's Club Treas 2001-2007. KY Democratic State Central Exec Committee 2008.

*Republican*  
House 2003-PresentAgriculture & Small  
Business, Vice Chair**Representative C.B. Embry Jr.**

Born 1941. WKU, BS. UK, UofL, KY Wesleyan, Duke Univ. Baptist. Gideons International. Promise Keepers. Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Butler Co Shrine Club. Ret Teacher. Chamber of Commerce. Grayson Co Chamber of Commerce. Grayson Co Anti-Drug Coalition. Butler Co Area Technology Ctr Steering Committee. KY Council on Crime & Delinquency. Scottish Rite. KY Republican Party, former State Treas. George Washington Medal for Patriotism 1970. Beaver Dam's Outstanding Young Man 1970-1972. Outstanding Young Republican in the Nation 1975. Ohio Co Citizen of the Year 1982. Butler Co Boys & Girls Club, Bd of Directors. Sunday School Dir Deacon, First Baptist Church, Morgantown. SLC, Rural Devel & Agriculture Committee.

**HOUSE 17****Butler  
Grayson  
Hardin****HOUSE 18****Breckinridge  
Bullitt  
Daviess  
Hancock  
Hardin***Republican*  
House 1995-PresentAppropriations &  
Revenue, Vice Chair**Representative Dwight D. Butler**

Born November 21, 1963. Auctioneer, Real Estate Broker. Baptist. EKV, BA. WKU, MPA. KY Auctioneers Assoc. Gideons International. Breckinridge Co Chamber of Commerce.

## 19 HOUSE



Edmonson  
Hart  
Larue



*Republican*  
House 2011-Present

Local Government, Vice  
Chair

### Representative Michael Meredith

Born April 25, 1985. Bank of Edmonson Co, Marketing Officer. Baptist. WKU, BS Business Mgt. Edmonson Co Lions Club. Edmonson Co Tourism Comm. Lifeskills, Inc Bd of Dir, Vice Pres. Edmonson Co Leadership Alumni.

*Republican*  
House 2005-Present



## HOUSE 21



Warren

### Representative Jim DeCesare

Born 1966. Business Devel & PR. State Street United Methodist Church. General Assembly Sportsman Caucus. Leadership BG Alumni Assoc Bd. Prime Time Events Bd. Warren Co Citizen Corp Bd. BG Masonic Lodge. Warren Co Young Republicans. Leadership BG Alumni. Citizen's Police Academy Alumni. Am Business Women's Assoc Business Associate of the Year 2001. BG Area Chamber of Commerce Vol of the Year 2002. BG Daily News Radio Personality of the Year 2002. Alma Cowles Crime Stopper's Award 2004. Champion for Children Award 2004.

## 20 HOUSE



Warren



*Democrat*  
House 1976-Present

### Representative Jody Richards

Born February 20, 1938. Owner, Superior Books. Church of Christ. Ky Wesleyan College, AB. Univ of Missouri, MA. Indiana Univ. US Army Reserve. BG/Warren Co Jaycees, past Prest. KY Jaycees, past Natl Dir, State Sect. KY Young Democrats, past Pres, Vice Pres. Southern KY Fair Bd, past Pres. Girls Club of BG Jaycees Representative. United Way Bd 1983. Outstanding Young Men of Am 1972. JCI Senate. Governor's Task Force on Ed, Steering Committee. SLC, Chair-elect. NCSL, Exec Committee. SREB. Majority Caucus Chair 1987-1994. Speaker of the House 1995-2008.

*Democrat*  
House 2009-Present



## HOUSE 22



Allen  
Simpson  
Warren

Education, Vice Chair

### Representative Wilson Stone

Born November 16, 1952. Self-employed Farmer. Church of Christ. Allen Co High School, 1970. WKU, BS 1974, MS 1978. Allen Co School Bd member 24 years. Allen Co-Scottsville Chamber of Commerce. Allen Co Farm Bureau Pres. JC Outstanding Young Farmer 1986. Leadership of KY 1996.

**23 HOUSE**



**Barren  
Warren**



*Democrat*  
House 2007-Present

**Representative Johnny Bell**

Born June 15, 1965. Attorney. Baptist. WKU, BS. NKU, JD. Natl Golden Key Honor Soc. KY Bar Assoc. Barren Co Bar Assoc.

**24 HOUSE**



**Casey  
Marion  
Pulaski**



*Democrat*  
House 2010-Present

Agriculture & Small  
Business, Vice Chair

**Representative Terry Mills**

Born October 12, 1950. Ret. Catholic. WKU, Business. St. Augustine Catholic Church, former Parish Council Chair. Lebanon Lions Club. Disabled Am Veterans, van driver.

**HOUSE 25**



**Hardin**



*Democrat*  
House 1993-Present

**Representative Jimmie Lee**

Born March 27, 1937. Ret Auto Dealer.

**HOUSE 26**



**Hardin**



*Republican*  
House 2007-Present

**Representative Tim Moore**

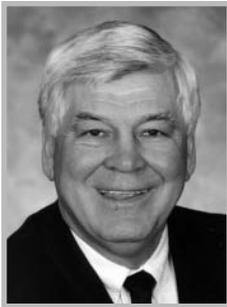
Pilot/Instructor, UPS. Dir, KY Admissions Liaison Officers, US Air Force Reserve. USAF Academy, BS. Univ of Arkansas, MS. USAF 1984-1998. KY Air Natl Guard/ USAFR 1998-present. Radcliff, Vine Grove, Elizabethtown Chambers of Commerce. Am Legion Hardin Post 113. NRA. Military Order of the World Wars. VFW Post 10281. Assoc of the US Army. Air Force Assoc. Military Officers Assoc of Am. USAF Academy Admissions Liaison Officer of the Nation 2003. Task Force Omega Outstanding Legislator of the Year 2009.

**27 HOUSE****Bullitt  
Hardin  
Meade***Democrat*  
House 2007-PresentBanking & Insurance,  
Chair  
Veterans, Military  
Affairs, & Public Safety,  
Vice Chair**Representative Jeff Greer**

Born March 8, 1964. Owner, Greer Insurance Agency. Methodist. EKV, BA Business Admin. IIAK. AUSA. NRA. Meade Co Area Chamber of Commerce, former Dir. Ind Business Pioneer Award. NCOIL member, Chair Freshman Caucus 2007-2008. Meade Co School Bd 1993-2006. IIAK Outstanding Young Agent Award 2005. IIAK, former Dir. 2010 Distinguished Legislator Award. Lincoln Heritage Council, BSA. BRAC Subcommittee Chair. 2010 KY Psychological Assoc. Distinguished Public Service Award. 2010 IIAK-E Starling Holloway Award.

*Republican*  
House 1997-PresentElections, Const.  
Amendments &  
Intergovernmental  
Affairs, Vice Chair**Representative Kevin D. Bratcher**

Born April 17, 1961. Ed Supervisor. Baptist. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ, BS. US Navy. KY Railway Museum. Webster Univ, MA Media Communications.

**HOUSE 29****Jefferson****28 HOUSE****Jefferson***Democrat*  
House 1998-PresentEducation, Vice Chair  
Labor & Industry, Vice  
Chair  
Licensing &  
Occupations, Vice Chair**Representative Charles Miller**

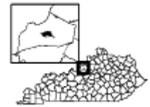
High School Principal. Baptist. WKU, BA, MA, Rank 1. Pleasure Ridge Park Vol Fire Dept, Bd of Trustees. Columbia Hosp, Bd of Trustees. 15th District PTA, Outstanding Principal of the Year 1987-1988, 1990-1991, 1994-1995, 1998, Hall of Fame. Natl PTA Educator of the Year Nominee. Area 1 Council Chamber of Commerce, Pres 1993-1995. Leadership Louisville. Senior Ctr in the Schools Program, Advisory Bd. State YMCA, Bd of Control. KASSP Bd of Control. KHSAA Bd of Control.

*Democrat*  
House 1972-75  
House 1978-Present

Health &amp; Welfare, Chair

**Representative Tom Burch**

Born July 19, 1931. Retired General Electric. Catholic. Bellarmine College, BA. US Navy 1948-1952, US Navy Reserve 1952-1956. Kidney Foundation Legislative Award. KY Assoc of Homes for Children Circle of Love Award. Legislator of the Year Child Support Enforcement 1990. KY Welfare Reform Coalition for Welfare Reform Act. KY Outstanding Legislator Award for Health Legislation. Jefferson Co Health Bd, Distinguished Service Award. KY Welfare Reform Coalition, former member. Natl Org for Women. KY Domestic Violence Assoc. Lions Foundation. Kosair Children's Hosp. KY Organ Donor Council.

**HOUSE 30****Jefferson**

**31 HOUSE****Jefferson**

*Democrat*  
House 1991-Present

Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair  
Local Government,  
Chair

**Representative Steve Riggs**

Born 1959. Independent Insurance Broker & Consultant. United Methodist. UK, BBA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Past Flotilla Commander. US Navy League. Democratic Leadership Council. Am Legion GI Joe Post #224, lifetime member. Legislator Awards: NFIB, 1996 Guardian of Small Business; 1996 Energy Exec of the Year; KY Assoc of Chiefs of Police 2004 Award for Outstanding Support to Law Enforcement; KY Sheriffs' Assoc 2007 Award of Recognition for Service; KY League of Cities 2004 Legislator of the Year; KY League of Cities 2008 Heavy Hitter. Metro Disability Coalition, Breaking Barriers Award 2008. Insurance Institute of KY, Legislative Leadership Award 2008. Natl Conference of Insurance Legislators, Vice Chair, Workers' Compensation Insurance Committee.

**32 HOUSE****Jefferson**

*Republican*  
House 2011-Present

Economic Development,  
Vice Chair

**Representative Julie Raque Adams**

Born June 11, 1969. Owner, Adams & Call, Inc. Catholic. St. Mary's College, BA. Notre Dame, BA. The George Washington Univ, MA. Family Scholar House, Bd member. St. Margaret Mary School Bd chair. Louisville Metro Council, former member.

*Republican*  
House 1997-Present

Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair

**Representative Ron Crimm**

Born March 11, 1935. Insurance, Thoroughbred Associates. Methodist. Shippensburg Univ, BS. US Army. Norton Hospital Advisory Bd. Good Samaritan Nursing Facility Bd. Middletown & Jefferson Chamber.

**HOUSE 33****Jefferson****HOUSE 34****Jefferson**

*Democrat*  
House 1994-Present

**Representative Mary Lou Marzian**

Born September 16, 1954. Registered Nurse, Transplant Coordinator. Catholic. UofL, BS. Jefferson Co NOW, past Pres. Metropolitan Louisville Women's Political Caucus. KY Nurses Assoc. Older Women's League.

**35 HOUSE****Jefferson**

*Democrat*  
House 1991-Present

Local Government, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Jim Wayne**

Born May 21, 1948. Pres, Wayne Corp. Roman Catholic. Maryknoll College, BA. Maryknoll School of Theology, MA. Smith College, MSW. Louisville Coalition for the Homeless. KY Soc for Clinical Social Work, past Pres. Natl Assoc of Social Workers. Metropolitan Housing Coalition. KY Housing Policy Committee. Airport Neighbors' Alliance Inc.

**36 HOUSE****Garrard  
Madison**

*Republican*  
House 1985-Present

State Government, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Lonnie Napier**

Born May 24, 1940. Auctioneer, Realtor, Farmer. Church of God. KY Army Natl Guard. Garrard Co Chamber of Commerce, past Pres. KY Auctioneers Assoc. Dix River Bd of Realtors. KY/Natl Auctioneers Assoc. Garrard Co Beef Cattle Fair Bd. KY Assoc of Realtors. NRA. Garrard Co Businessman of the Year 1983. KY Reserve Champion Auctioneer 1982-1983. Garrard Co Fiscal Court, past member.

**HOUSE 37****Jefferson**

*Democrat*  
House 2011-Present

Licensing &  
Occupations, Vice Chair

**Representative Wade Hurt**

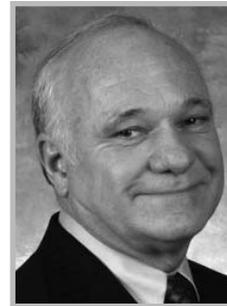
Born February 20, 1967. Conceal Carry Instructor. Licensed Real Estate Agent (escrowed). Methodist. South Louisville Community Ministries, past Vice Pres. Metro Councilman Dan Johnson's Arena Site Selection Committee, past Vice Chair. Epiphany United Methodist Church, member. KY Colonel.

*Republican*  
House 2011-Present

Labor & Industry, Vice  
Chair

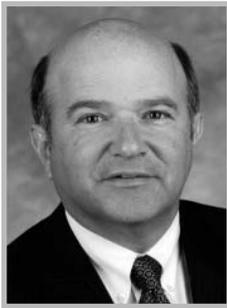
**Representative Michael J. Nemes**

Born February 20, 1954. Catholic.

**HOUSE 38****Jefferson**

**39 HOUSE**

Fayette  
Jessamine



Democrat  
House 1993-Present

Majority Caucus Chair

### Representative Robert R. Damron

Born June 20, 1954. Investment Banker. Disciples of Christ. UK, BA, MBA. Nicholasville Rotary. Jessamine Co Beef Cattle Assoc. Jessamine Co Chamber of Commerce. Majority Caucus Chair 2005-2006.

**40 HOUSE**

Jefferson



Democrat  
House 1996-Present

### Representative Dennis Horlander

Born September 6, 1952. Manufacturers' Representative. Catholic. UofL. Shively Council, 3 terms. Shively Area Business Assoc. Dixie Post 220, associate member. Marydale Club. Barkley Democratic Club. Shively Democratic Club. Harbor House Bd.

Democrat  
House 1982-Present



Education, Vice Chair

### Representative Tom Riner

Pastor.

**HOUSE 41**

Jefferson

**HOUSE 42**

Jefferson

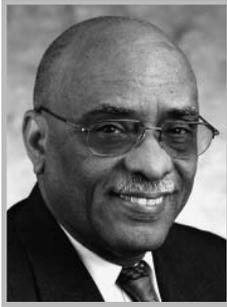
Democrat  
House 2001-Present



Licensing &  
Occupations, Vice Chair

### Representative Reginald Meeks

Born March 21, 1954. Protestant. Dir of External Programs, UofL College of Arts & Sciences, UofL & McKendree College, Instructor. Wabash College, BA. Univ of Iowa College of Law, JD. UofL, PhD (pending). NCSL. NBCSL. KY Assoc of Blacks in Higher Ed. KY Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, founding member. Ctr for Policy Alternatives Fellow. Ctr for Policy Alternatives Advisory Bd. Leadership KY. Charter Class Member. KY Long-Range Policy Research Bd. Sunshine Srs, hon member. Hon Order of KY Colonels. Natl Assoc of Black Scuba Divers. KY Assoc of Black Scuba Divers, founding member. KY Native Am Heritage Comm. KY Native American Arts & Cultural Ctr, Bd. Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. KY Polar Bear Club. KY Sportsmens Caucus. Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders in Am. Outstanding Young Men of Am. Who's Who Among Black Americans. Who's Who in the South. YMCA Adult Achiever Award. Ebony Magazine, Fifty Young Future Leaders. Louisville Magazine, People to Watch.

**43 HOUSE****Jefferson**

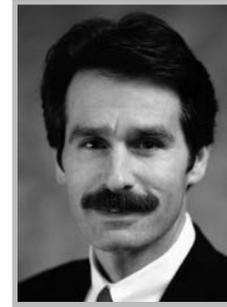
*Democrat*  
House 2005-Present

Elections, Const.  
Amendments &  
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Judiciary, Vice Chair

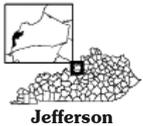
**Representative Darryl T. Owens**

Attorney. Self-employed. Baptist. Central State Univ, BA. Howard Univ, JD. US Army. NBA. KBA. LBA. NAACP, Urban League.

*Republican*  
House 2001-Present

**HOUSE 45****Fayette****Representative Stan Lee**

Born September 26, 1961. Christian. Lawyer. Partner, Lexington Office of Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, LLP. JD. KY Bar Assoc. Am Bar Assoc. Fayette Co Bar Assoc. Minority Whip 2006-2008.

**44 HOUSE****Jefferson**

*Democrat*  
House 1995-Present

Labor & Industry, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Joni L. Jenkins**

Born December 6, 1958. Communications Specialist. Christian. UK, BA. Shively Democratic Club. Exploited Children's Help Org Bd. Rohm & Haas Citizen Advisory Council. Louisville Community Child Protection Council. Natl Org of Victim Advocates. Grassroots Democratic Club.

*Democrat*  
House 1984-Present

**HOUSE 46****Jefferson**

Speaker Pro Tem

**Representative Larry Clark**

Born July 24, 1945. Electrician. Catholic. Member, IBEW Local 369, NCSL Financial Svcs Committee. KY Workforce Investment Bd. IBEW Local 369 Pension, Retirement & Health & Welfare Plans, Trustee. KY Labor-Mgt Advisory Council. Spirit of '46 Democrat Club. Okolona Democrat Club. Jefferson Co Democratic Exec Finance Committee. Jefferson Co Electrical Bd of Control. Natl Electrical Code Committee. Economic Advisory Council to Mayor. UofL, Bd of Overseers. Okolona Business and Professional Assoc. Walk-A-Mile Program 1997, Louisville, Jefferson Co Community Action Agency. Commission of Louisville, Jefferson Co Cultural Complex Task Force, Fine Arts Ctr. State Solar Energy Task Force. Am Cancer Soc, Bd. KY Young Advocates. Private Industry Fund Council. Heart of Parks Foundation. Bellarmine College, Bd of Overseers. Governor's Task Force on Unemployment Insurance, Co-Chair. Legislative Task Force on Extension of Water Service, Jefferson Co KY Fire Protection Study Commission. Governor's Tax Policy Commission 1995. Governor's Task Force on Postsecondary Ed 1996. Leadership Louisville 1981.

**47 HOUSE**

Carroll  
Henry  
Oldham  
Trimble

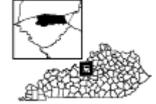


*Democrat*  
Senate 1991-94  
House 2003-Present

Appropriations &  
Revenue, Chair

**Representative Rick Rand**

Insurance, Real Estate Agent, Rand Insurance & Real Estate. Christian Church. Disciples of Christ. Hanover College, BA. Bedford Christian Church, Elder. Carroll Co and Henry Co Chamber of Commerce. Trimble Co Cattleman's Assoc. KY Biker's Assoc. NRA. Ind Insurance Agents of KY.

**HOUSE 49**

Bullitt

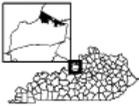


*Democrat*  
House 2009-Present

Education, Vice Chair

**Representative Linda Belcher**

Born September 20, 1948. Retired teacher, principal, Dir UofL. Baptist. ECU BS in Elem Ed. WKU, Master's in Elem Ed. UofL, Rank 1 -Admin & Supervision.

**48 HOUSE**

Jefferson



*Republican*  
House 1993-Present

Minority Caucus Chair

Appropriations &  
Revenue, Vice Chair  
Health & Welfare, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Bob M. DeWeese**

Born November 8, 1934. General Surgeon. UK, BS. UofL, MD. Downtown Rotary Club of Louisville. Jefferson Co Medical Soc, past Pres & current member. Louisville Surgical Soc. Dr Nathan Davis Award. Am Med Assoc.

**HOUSE 50**

Bullitt  
Nelson  
Spencer

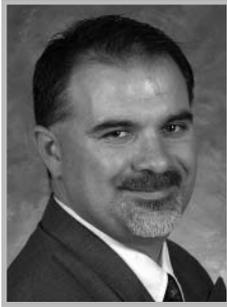


*Republican*  
House 2005-Present

Veterans, Military  
Affairs, & Public Safety,  
Vice Chair

**Representative David Floyd**

Born October 2, 1951. Owner, Windsor Gardens Retirement Communities. Southern Baptist. USAF Academy, BS. Master Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle. Ret US Air Force. Nelson Co Economic Devel Agency. Bardstown-Nelson Co Air Bd. Chamber of Commerce Bd. Bardstown Foundation for Excellence in Public Ed. Rotary Club. Am Legion. VFW. Optimist Club.

**51 HOUSE****Adair  
Taylor***Republican*  
House 2009-PresentEconomic Development,  
Vice Chair  
Education, Vice Chair**Representative John "Bam" Carney**

Born September 30, 1969. Taylor Co Bd of Ed. Christian. Berea College, BA Living History. Campbellsville Univ Teaching Cert. ECU, MA Instructional Leadership. Living Grace Church, usher. Upward Basketball, coach. 16 years coaching basketball and football at the middle and high school levels. Taylor Co High School & Washington Co, site-based councils.

*Republican*  
House 2012-Present**HOUSE 53****Cumberland  
Green  
Metcalfe  
Monroe****Representative Bart Rowland**

Born April 11, 1977. Rowland Insurance Agency. Church of Christ. WKU. Monroe Co Chamber of Commerce. IIAK. PIA. Monroe Co Republican Party.

**52 HOUSE****McCreary  
Pulaski  
Wayne***Republican*  
House 2011-Present

Judiciary, Vice Chair

**Representative Sara Beth Gregory**

Born September 5, 1982. Attorney, Carroll and Turner, PSC. Baptist. Monticello High School. UK, BA Political Science, JD. Natl Merit Scholar. Order of the Coif. Wayne Co Fair & Horse Show Bd of Dir. Ctr for Rural Devel full Bd. Wayne Republican Women. Kiwanis Club.

*Republican*  
House 2003-Present**HOUSE 54****Boyle  
Washington**Tourism Development  
& Energy, Vice Chair**Representative Mike Harmon**

Born October 16, 1966. Loan Officer, First Mortgage Company, LLC. Baptist. ECU, BS.

55 HOUSE



Anderson  
Mercer  
Spencer



*Republican*  
House 2011-Present

Tourism Development &  
Energy, Vice Chair

### Representative Kim King

Born September 26, 1962. Farmer. Fitness Trainer. ECU 2004, BA, Fitness & Wellness Mgt, Honors Scholar. KY Fort Harrod Beef Festival. Mercer Co Bd of Ed Wellness Committee.

56 HOUSE



Fayette  
Franklin  
Woodford



*Democrat*  
House 2007-Present

Education, Chair  
State Government, Vice  
Chair

### Representative Carl Rollins II

Born August 4, 1947. Marketing Mgr, The Student Loan People. Disciples of Christ. MoSU, BBA. UK, MBA, PhD. USAF. Vietnam Vet. Midway Lions Club. KASFAA. KCEA. NCEA. Woodford Co Bd of Health. Midway Nursing Home Task Force. Midway City Council, past member. Former Mayor of Midway. Woodford Co Fiscal Court.

HOUSE 57



Franklin



*Democrat*  
House 2003-Present

State Government, Vice  
Chair

### Representative Derrick Graham

Educator, Frankfort Ind Schools. African Methodist Episcopal. KSU, BA. Ohio State Univ, MA. St John AME Church, Steward Bd. KY YMCA Youth Assoc Bd. South Frankfort Community Ctr Bd. Greenhill Cemetery Bd. Franklin Co Council on Family Abuse Inc Bd. Frankfort Salvation Army Advisory Bd. Frankfort Arts Foundation. South Frankfort Neighborhood Assoc. Big Brothers/Big Sisters. KSU Bd of Regents, Student Rep 1978-1980. Frankfort City Commissioner 1992-2000.

HOUSE 58



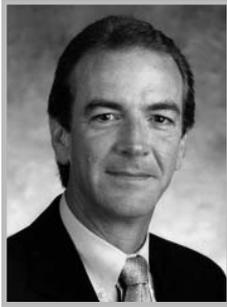
Shelby  
Spencer



*Republican*  
House 2003-Present

### Representative Brad Montell

Born December 5, 1956. Financial Advisor/Broker, W. Brad Montell Investments. Christian. WKU, BA, MA. Natl Federation of Ind Business. Shelby Economic Devel Council, Chair 1994-1995. Shelbyville-Shelby Co Chamber of Commerce, Pres 1993. Shelbyville Kiwanis Club, Dir. Natl Wild Turkey Federation. Shelbyville First Baptist Church, Deacon.

**59 HOUSE****Jefferson  
Oldham**

*Republican*  
House 2005-Present

Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair  
Licensing &  
Occupations, Vice Chair

**Representative David Osborne**

Born March 27, 1964. Real Estate/Farmer. Christian. UK, BS. Oldham Co Chamber of Commerce. KEEP. Thoroughbred Club of Am. Prospect Christian Church. KY Assoc of Realtors.

*Democrat*  
House 1992-Present



Agriculture & Small  
Business, Vice Chair

**Representative Royce W. Adams**

Born 1938. Farmer. Owner, Royce Adams Oil Company. Horse Breeder. Christian. US Army. Grant Co Chamber of Commerce. Bluegrass Morgan Horse Assoc. Am Morgan Horse Assoc. Natl Federation of Ind Businessmen.

**HOUSE 61****Gallatin  
Grant  
Owen****60 HOUSE****Boone**

*Republican*  
House 2007-Present

**Representative Sal Santoro**

Born July 14, 1951. Pres, Santoro Electric Co Inc. Former KY State Trooper. Catholic. Univ of Cincinnati, BA. Xavier Univ, MA. St Paul Church, Finance member. Florence Fire Protection District, Chair. Knights of Columbus. Assoc Builders & Contractors.

*Republican*  
House 2011-Present

**Representative Ryan Quarles**

Born October 20, 1983. Farmer. Attorney. Christian. Scott Co High School valedictorian. UK, BS Ag Economics, BS Public Service & Leadership, MA Diplomacy & International Commerce, MS Ag Economics, JD. Harvard Univ, Ed M Higher Ed. KY Farm Bureau. KY Bar Assoc. Leadership Scott Co 4 H & FFA vol. UK Alumni member. Natl Toyota Community Scholar. Truman Scholar. Zuckerman Fellowship. Udall Scholar. CPE, student member 2005-2008. Kennedy School Ctr for Public Leadership.

**HOUSE 62****Fayette  
Scott**

**63 HOUSE**

*Republican*  
House 2008-Present

**Representative Alecia Webb-Edgington**

Born August 23, 1966. KY State Police, Ret Major. Baptist. WKU, BA Sociology & Criminology. ECU, MA Criminal Justice. KY Office of Homeland Security, Former Exec Dir and former Deputy Dir for Operations & Prevention Initiatives. KY State Police, former Chief Information Officer. KY Women in Law Enforcement, Pres.

**64 HOUSE**

*Republican*  
House 1985-Present

**Representative Thomas Kerr**

Born July 25, 1950. Attorney. Baptist. UK, BBA. NKU, JD. Air Natl Guard. KY, Northern KY Bar Assoc, Pro Bono Panel.

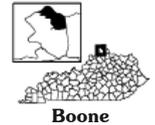
**HOUSE 65**

*Democrat*  
House 1994-Present

Appropriations &  
Revenue, Vice Chair

**Representative Arnold Simpson**

Attorney. Baptist. KSU, BA. UK, JD. St Elizabeth Medical Ctr. Covington Civil Service Commission. Northern KY, KY, Am Bar Assoc. Co Health Dept, past member. Northern KY ADD. Community Chest of Northern KY. Northern KY Community Center. Legal Aid Soc. KY Co Boys/Girls Club. Northern KY Arts Council.

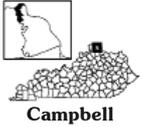
**HOUSE 66**

*Republican*  
House 2005-Present

Health & Welfare, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Addia Wuchner**

Ret Hosp Administrator Specializing in Corporate Relations & Strategic Planning. Roman Catholic. RN. UofL, Bellarmine Univ School of Nursing. School of Bioethics Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Univ, Rome. State CASA Bd. Northern. KY Ind District Bd of Health, Exec Committee. Boone Co Success Six Bd. Helping Hands Medical Missions, reg spokeswoman. Summit on Economic Status of KY's Women. Executive Bd on Natl Foundation for Women Legislators. 2005 Toll Fellowship Recipient. NKY Convention & Visitors Bd of Dir. 2007 Leadership KY.

**67 HOUSE****Campbell**

*Democrat*  
House 2005-Present

Economic Development,  
Vice Chair  
Licensing &  
Occupations, Chair

**Representative Dennis Keene**

Self-employed. Christian. Wilder City Council.

*Republican*  
House 2007-Present

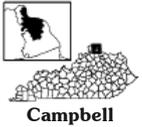
Local Government, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Adam Koenig**

Born February 22, 1971. Realtor, Coldwell Banker West Shell. Catholic. Miami Univ, BA Political Science. Covington Salvation Army. Telecommunications Bd of Northern KY 1994-2006. Northern KY Area Planning Council, past Pres. Legacy. Vision 2015.

**HOUSE 69**

**Boone  
Campbell  
Kenton**

**68 HOUSE****Campbell**

*Republican*  
House 1999-Present

Elections, Const.  
Amendments &  
Intergovernmental  
Affairs, Vice Chair  
Judiciary, Vice Chair

**Representative Joseph M. Fischer**

Born November 14, 1954. Attorney. Roman Catholic. Holy Cross College, BA. Univ of Cincinnati, JD. Ft Thomas City Council, 1988-1998. Ft Thomas Police & Fire Pension Bd 1990-1998. Ft Thomas Planning Commission 1993-1998. Northern KY Right to Life John J. Bauer Service Award 1998. KY, Ohio, & Cincinnati Bar Assoc. Defense Research Inst. Federalist Soc for Law & Public Policy. Greater Cincinnati Lawyers for Life, Bd.

*Democrat*  
House 2001-Present

Agriculture & Small  
Business, Vice Chair  
Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair  
Local Government,  
Vice Chair

**Representative Mike Denham**

Presbyterian. Banker, Bank of Maysville. MBA. US Army Reserves. 1st Presbyterian Church, Trustee & Asst Treas. Maysville/Mason Co Chamber of Commerce. Maysville-Mason Co Industrial Devel Authority. Rotary Club. Underground Railroad. Hospice of Hope, former Bd member. Local Hospital Bd. Honorary Dir Germantown Fair Bd. Maysville Community College Bd & Vocational Technical Committee, former member. Buffalo Trace Ed Consortium, former member.

**HOUSE 70**

**Bracken  
Fleming  
Mason**



**71 HOUSE**

Menifee  
Morgan  
Rowan  
Wolfe



Democrat  
House 1993-Present

**Representative John Will Stacy**

Born March 29, 1953. Business Owner. MoSU, BS. NKU, JD.

Republican  
House 2011-Present

**HOUSE 73**

Clark  
Madison

**Representative Donna Mayfield**

Born July 18, 1955. US Marshals Service, Ret. Christian. Calvary Christian Church. Calvary Finance Team.

**72 HOUSE**

Bath  
Bourbon  
Fayette  
Nicholas



Democrat  
House 2008-Present

**Representative Sannie Overly**

Born 1966. Attorney. Christian. UofL, JD. UK, BS Civil Engineering. Bourbon Community Hosp, Trustee, Chair. Bourbon Co Bar Assoc, Pres. Historic Paris-Bourbon Co Inc, Pres 2006-2007. KY Bar Assoc. Friends of the Paris-Bourbon Co Library. Friends of Ashland. Bourbon Co Alumni Assoc. UK Alumni Assoc. Paris-Bourbon Co Chamber of Commerce. Bourbon Co Homemakers. DAR, Jemima Johnson Chapter. First Christian Church of Paris. Bluegrass Conservancy.

Democrat  
House 2007-Present

**HOUSE 74**

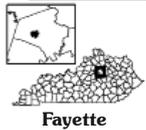
Montgomery  
Powell  
Wolfe

Agriculture & Small  
Business, Vice Chair

**Representative Richard Henderson**

Born March 15, 1971. Co-owner, C&H Block & Concrete. Christian. KADD. Montgomery Co Devel Bd. Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award 2003.

**75 HOUSE**



*Democrat*  
House 2009-Present

### **Representative Kelly Flood**

Born April 14, 1959. Unitarian Universalist. Starr King School for the Ministry, Vice Pres for Advancement. Florida State Univ, BA Am Studies. Starr King School for the Ministry. Minister Emerita. Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. Philanthropist of the Year for Carnegie Ctr. Assoc of Fundraising Professionals.

*Democrat*  
House 1993-Present



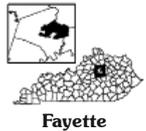
**HOUSE 77**



### **Representative Jesse Crenshaw**

Born September 23, 1946. Attorney. KSU, BA. UK, JD.

**76 HOUSE**



*Democrat*  
House 1991-Present

### **Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo**

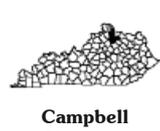
Born 1949. Community Volunteer. Baptist. UK, BA. Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Democratic Women's Club. Musical Theater. Philharmonic Women's Guild. Bryan Station Neighborhood Assoc. Jr League. Professional Women's Club. League of Women Voters. Girl Scouts USA. Natl Conference of Christians, Jews. Focus on Family Child Care Council. UK Interdisciplinary Human Devel Inst, Bd. Bluegrass International Affairs. Navy League. Am Cancer Soc, Bd, past Pres. UK Fellow. UK Children's Miracle Network Telethon, Steering Council. Am Symphony Orchestra League, vol council. UK Devel Council. Governor's Advisory Commission on Federal Funding for Ed. Lexington Outstanding Young Woman 1982. Sayre School's Dorothy Moomaw Miles Service Award 1986. Leadership Lexington 1988. Leadership Am 1989. Governor's Vol Activist Award 1989.

Economic Development,  
Chair

*Democrat*  
House 1997-Present



**HOUSE 78**



### **Representative Tom McKee**

Born March 13, 1941. Farmer. Presbyterian. Centre College, BA. Harrison Co Magistrate, 1978-present. Harrison Memorial Hosp Bd, 20 years, Vice Pres. National Bank of Cynthiana, past Dir. Cynthiana Fifth Third Bank, Advisory Bd. Harrison Co Farm Bureau, past Pres. KY Farm Bureau, Young Farmer Committee, past Chair. Am Angus Assoc. Natl Cattleman's Assoc. KY Cattlemen's Assoc. Harrison Co Beef Cattle Assoc. Cynthiana/Harrison Co Chamber of Commerce, Farmer of the Year.

Agriculture & Small  
Business, Chair

**Campbell  
Harrison  
Pendleton  
Robertson**

**79 HOUSE**



**Fayette**



*Democrat*  
House 1999-Present

Enrollment, Chair  
Licensing &  
Occupations, Vice Chair

### **Representative Susan Westrom**

Born May 15, 1952. Realtor, Keller Williams; Artist. Baptist. UK, BA, MA. Leadership KY 1995. Professional Women's Forum. Bluegrass ADD Human Services Regional Council. Certified Family Mediator. KY United for Children & Families. Lexington Forum. Toll Fellowship Class, 2000 Graduate. Midway College Ctr for Women & Leadership Advisory Bd. UK College of Social Work, Advisory Bd. UK Women's Health Center, Advisory Council. CSG Health Capacity Task Force 2001-2002. Natl Committees: NCOIL Chair Health & Long-Term Care Committee; NCSL Vice Chair Legislative Effectiveness Committee.

*Democrat*  
House 2011-Present



**HOUSE 81**



**Madison**

### **Representative Rita Smart**

Born November 13, 1948. Owner, Bennett House Bed & Breakfast. Christian. EKU, BS, UK, MS. Richmond & Berea Chamber of Commerce. Richmond Altrusa Club. Richmond Area ARTS Council. Madison Co Historical Soc. Madison Co Communicator of the Year. Richmond Register Lifetime Achievement Award.

**80 HOUSE**



**Lincoln  
Pulaski  
Rockcastle**



*Republican*  
House 1982-Present

Minority Whip

### **Representative Danny Ford**

Born April 25, 1952. Auctioneer, Realtor, Ford Brothers. Baptist. EKU, BS. Somerset-Pulaski Co Chamber of Commerce. Natl Republican Legislator of the Year. Minority Whip 1993-1994. Minority Floor Leader 1995-2000.

*Republican*  
House 2012-Present



**HOUSE 82**



**Laurel  
Whitley**

### **Representative Regina Petrey Bunch**

Born October 3, 1962. Middle Grades Special Education Teacher. Baptist. Cumberland College. Union College, Rank 1. NRA. KY Colonel. KY Assoc. of Prof. Educators. Who's Who Among Am Educators. Cambridge Who's Who Among Professionals.

**83 HOUSE**



**Clinton  
Pulaski  
Russell**



*Republican*  
House 1997-Present

Minority Floor Leader

**Representative Jeff Hoover**

Born January 18, 1960. Attorney. Baptist. Centre College. Cumberland School of Law, JD. Jamestown City Attorney, 1990-present. Russell Co School District Attorney. Adair Co School District Attorney. Russell Co Jaycees. Minority Caucus Chair 1999-2000.

**HOUSE 85**



**Laurel  
Pulaski**



*Republican*  
House 1997-Present

Transportation, Vice  
Chair

**Representative Tommy Turner**

Born August 8, 1952. Factory Worker, Farmer. Baptist.

**84 HOUSE**



**Harlan  
Perry**



*Democrat*  
House 2009-Present

Natural Resources &  
Environment, Vice Chair  
Tourism Development &  
Energy, Vice Chair

**Representative Fitz Steele**

Born June 19, 1965. Self-employed. Baptist. High School. Two-year trade school. PRIDE. RMEF. NWTF. Buckhorn Scenic Trails. PRIDE Environmental Leadership Award. PRIDE Vol of the Month, Dec 2008.

**HOUSE 86**



**Knox  
Laurel**



*Republican*  
House 1997-Present

Labor & Industry, Vice  
Chair  
Natural Resources &  
Environment, Vice Chair

**Representative Jim Stewart III**

Born October 21, 1958. Farmer. Baptist.

**87 HOUSE****Bell  
Harlan***Democrat*  
House 2001-Present

Labor &amp; Industry, Chair

**Representative Rick G. Nelson**

Born June 11, 1954. Baptist. Teacher, Bell Co School System. Cumberland College, BS. EKV, MA. KY Ed Assoc. Gideons International.

**88 HOUSE****Fayette***Republican*  
House 2003-Present**Representative Bill Farmer**

Born March 18, 1962. Tax Accountant, HTI Tax Service. Episcopalian. Natl Assoc of Enrolled Agents. KY Soc of Enrolled Agents. Better Business Bureau. Chamber of Commerce.

**HOUSE 89****Jackson  
Laurel  
Owsley***Republican*  
House 1997-PresentTransportation, Vice  
Chair**Representative Marie Rader**

Business, Self-employed. Baptist. Berea College. City of McKee, Council, Public Housing, Exec Dir. Jackson Co Kiwanis. McKee Baptist Church. Jackson Co Devel Assoc, past member. Jackson Co Industrial Authority, past member.

*Republican*  
House 2003-PresentNatural Resources &  
Environment, Vice Chair**Representative Tim Couch**

Born 1961. Self-employed, Hyden Grocery, Couch's Shell. Church of God. Cumberland College. Hazard Community College. Hyden Chamber of Commerce. KY Retail Federation. NRA Life Member. Natl Federation of Ind Business Owners. Leslie Co Republican Party, Chair 2000-2002. Leslie Co Bd of Elections 2000-2002. Hyden Masonic Lodge 664. KY Grocers Assoc.

**HOUSE 90****Clay  
Harlan  
Leslie**

## 91 HOUSE



Breathitt  
Estill  
Lee



*Democrat*  
House 2003-Present

Economic Development,  
Vice Chair  
Education, Vice Chair

### Representative Ted Edmonds

Born September 30, 1943. Ret Educator. Church of God. EKU, BS, MA, Rank 1. Union Graduate School, PhD. UK Breathitt Co Extension Bd. Gideons International. Nim Henson Nursing Home Bd. Breathitt Co Fish & Game Club.

*Democrat*  
House 2001-Present



Natural Resources &  
Environment, Vice  
Chair

### Representative Keith Hall

Born July 3, 1959. CEO, Pres, Founder, Benetech Mining Materials, Inc. Church of Christ. Attended UK & Pikeville College. Co-founder, Kentucky Hope. Co-founder, Hope, Inc. Right to Life. KY Chamber of Commerce. KY Natl Federation of Ind Business. NRA Political Victory Fund. KY Gun Owners of America. KY AFL-CIO.

## HOUSE 93



Pike

## 92 HOUSE



Knott  
Letcher  
Magoffin



*Democrat*  
House 2011-Present

### Representative John Short

Born August 24, 1964. Gun shop owner. Baptist. BA Business Admin.

*Democrat*  
House 2007-Present



Tourism Development  
& Energy, Chair  
Transportation, Vice  
Chair

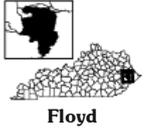
### Representative Leslie Combs

Born August 1, 1958. Presbyterian. BBA, Accounting, 1981. SETEL, VP Reg Svcs 2007-2009. Pikeville College, Inc 1984-2007. KY Dept of Ag Chief Acct 1981-1984. Appalachian Regional Hosp 2002-2008, former member. Central KY Planned Giving Council 2004-2007, former member. Pikeville Rotary Club, former member. Pike Co Industrial Devel Economic Authority Bd 1998-2007. Pike Co Democrat Exec Committee Treas. Pike Co Chamber of Commerce, former member. Dir & 2-time past Pres 1993-1994 & 1999-2000. Pike Co Elementary Based Decision-Making Council 1995-1999, former member. Pike Co High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council 2003-2007, former member. KY Chamber of Commerce Bd of Dir 2000-2006. Green Meadow Ladies Golf Assoc 1988-1993. Pike Co Women's Dem. 1985-present. KY Info Tech Advisory Council 2001-2004. KY Council on Ag 1984-1988. KY State Lawyers Aux 1985-1993. KY Forward, Bd member 2002-2004. Pike Co Fair Bd Treas 1989-1992.

## HOUSE 94



Harlan  
Letcher  
Pike

**95 HOUSE**

Democrat  
House 1980-04  
House 2008-Present

Speaker of the House

Committee on  
Committees, Chair  
Rules, Chair

**Representative Greg Stumbo**

Born August 14, 1951. Attorney. Baptist. UK, BA. UofL, JD. KY Bar Assoc. Drift-McDowell Jaycees. Floyd Co Young Democrats, past Vice Pres. Asst Floyd Co Attorney 1977. District Court Trial Commissioner 1978. Martin City Attorney 1978-1980. House Majority Floor Leader 1985-2003. Attorney General 2004-2007.

Democrat  
House 1991-Present

**HOUSE 97**

Floyd  
Johnson  
Martin  
Pike

Transportation, Chair

**Representative Hubert Collins**

Born August 19. Ret Teacher, Used Auto Dealer, Real Estate Broker, Auctioneer. Baptist. MoSU, BA, MA. US Army. KY Auto Dealers' Assoc. DAV. Odd Fellows. KY High School Athletic Assoc. NRA. Am Veterans. High school & college basketball official for 35 years.

**96 HOUSE**

Republican  
House 2009-Present

**Representative Jill York**

Born October 21, 1966. Presbyterian. Operator Printworks Unlimited, Inc. East Carter High School. Transylvania Univ. Marshall Univ, Journalism. Grayson Jaycees. Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce. Carter Co Fair Bd, Asst Advisor. Venture Crew 160. KY Jaycee Thoroughbred. Grayson Chamber, SV Pratt Community Service Award.

Democrat  
House 2001-Present

**HOUSE 98**

Boyd  
Greenup

Veterans, Military  
Affairs, & Public Safety,  
Chair

**Representative Tanya Pullin**

Born 1957. Christian. Attorney. UK, BS, JD. Uppsalla Univ, Cert. Duke Univ, MA. Sand Hill Church of Christ. UK Fellow. Governor's Cup Quick Recall Moderator. KBA. Kiwanis. UK Law Alumni Bd. St Paul Award for Community Service. Law Day Awarded by the KY Court of Justice. Eastern KY Women in Leadership. Toll Fellowship. Fraternal Order of Police Appreciation Award. Elliot Fellowship George Washington Univ. UK College of Ag Outstanding Achievement Alumni Award. Patrick Henry Award for support of Natl Guard. UK College of Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame. Am Legion Legislative Award for support of Veterans. UK Laffery Soc.

## 99 HOUSE



Boyd  
Elliott  
Lawrence  
Rowan



*Democrat*  
House 1987-Present

Majority Floor Leader

### Representative Rocky Adkins

Born November 4, 1959. Baptist. Public Affairs. MoSU, BA, MA. Southern States Energy Bd. Eastern KY Workforce Devel Bd, chair. King's Daughters Health Foundation Bd of Dir. Ashland Salvation Army Bd of Dir. Paramount Arts Center Bd of Dir. Founder, Rocky Adkins Charity Golf Outing-Cure for Cancer. SLC Energy & Environment Committee, Chair. MoSU Basketball Team 1978-1983, Captain. MoSU Alumni Hall of Fame. East KY Leadership Conference Public Servant Award. Junior Achievement Tri State Business Hall of Fame. FIVCO ADD President's Award. Ashland Area Labor Mgt Council Award. March of Dimes Goldenrod Div 2007 Honoree. KY Conservation Committee 2008 Legislator of the Year. Ky Homebuilders Assoc 2009 Housing Hero Award.



## Additional Information

## 100 HOUSE



Boyd



*Democrat*  
House 2009-Present

Banking & Insurance,  
Vice Chair

### Representative Kevin Sinnette

Born March 2, 1962. Attorney. Baptist. EKV, BS 1984. NKU, 1988. NRA. Ashland Asst City Attorney 1990-2008. Boyd Co Bar Assoc. KY Bar Assoc.

# Senate

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21 Joey Pendleton <b>Christian 3</b>	22 Kathy W. Stein <b>Fayette 13</b>	23 Paul Hornback <b>Shelby 20</b>	24 Ken Winters <b>Calloway 1</b>
13 R.J. Palmer <b>Clark 28</b>	14 John Schickel <b>Boone 11</b>	15 Alice Forgy Kerr <b>Fayette 12</b>	16 Jared Carpenter <b>Madison 34</b>
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**PRESIDENT**

**David L. Williams**

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## Visitors' Guide

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

March 21, 1914, Kentucky repealed all laws relating to child labor and made it illegal for any child younger than 14 to work during school hours.

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.

## 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.



January 26, 1882,  
Kentucky allowed  
African Americans  
to serve on juries.

## 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.

## 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.



January 6, 1920, the General Assembly ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

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.



March 24, 1908, the General Assembly passed legislation that every county would be a school district and each would have a public high school.

## • **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.

## **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.



March 29, 1902, the General Assembly created the Kentucky State Fair.

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):

### • 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.



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

### • 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.



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

### • 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.



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.

## 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.



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.



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

## 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.



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

February 7, 1912, the General Assembly approved the construction of a “Governor’s Mansion.”

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.



January 1936, Charles W. Anderson, Jr. of Louisville became the first African American to serve in the House of Representatives.

## 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](http://lrc.ky.gov) that contains information on members, committees, the legislative process, methods for contacting legislators, bill status, legal research tools, and available publications.



# **Legislative Glossary**

**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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