224.10-020 Departments within the cabinet -- Offices and divisions within the departments -- Appointments.

(1) There is established within the cabinet a Department for Natural Resources, a Department for Environmental Protection, and a Department for Energy Development and Independence. Each department shall be headed by a commissioner appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.050. The commissioners shall be directly responsible to the secretary and shall perform such functions, powers, and duties as provided by law and as the secretary may prescribe.

(2) There is established within the Department for Natural Resources a Division of Forestry, a Division of Conservation, a Division of Technical and Administrative Support, a Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, a Division of Mine Permits, a Division of Abandoned Mine Lands, a Division of Oil and Gas, and an Office of Mine Safety and Licensing. There shall be established within the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing a Division of Safety Inspection and Licensing and a Division of Safety Analysis, Training, and Certification. The Kentucky Mining Board is attached to the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing for administrative purposes. Each division shall be headed by a director and each office shall be headed by an executive director. Directors and executive directors shall be appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.050, except for the director of the Division of Conservation, who shall be appointed in accordance with KRS 146.100. Both directors and executive directors shall be directly responsible to the commissioner and shall perform the functions, powers, and duties as provided by law and as prescribed by the secretary.

(3) There is established within the Department for Environmental Protection a Division of Water, a Division for Air Quality, a Division of Waste Management, a Division of Enforcement, a Division of Compliance Assistance, and a Division of Environmental Program Support. Each division shall be headed by a director appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.050. Directors shall be directly responsible to the commissioner and shall perform the functions, powers, and duties as provided by law and as prescribed by the secretary.

(4) There is established within the Department for Energy Development and Independence a Division of Energy Efficiency and Conservation, a Division of Renewable Energy, a Division of Biofuels, a Division of Energy Generation, Transmission and Distribution, a Division of Carbon Management, and a Division of Fossil Energy Development. Each division shall be headed by a director. Directors shall be appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.050.

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Created 1974 Ky. Acts ch. 74, Art. III, sec. 2, effective June 21, 1974.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005). Although 2005 Ky. Acts ch. 123, sec. 21, contains a reference to "Section 64 of this Act" (KRS 353.510) in subsection (2) of this statute, that reference has been codified as KRS 353.530 (2005 Ky. Acts ch. 123, sec. 65) because a section was added to the introduced version of the bill in the Senate Committee Substitute, but the necessary adjustment to this internal reference was not made. This manifest typographical or clerical error and has been corrected in codification under KRS 7.136(1)(h).