

AN ACT relating to oaths.

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

□ Section 1. KRS 6.072 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Witnesses ***testifying before***~~[attending]~~ the General Assembly,~~[either house]~~ or a~~[legislative]~~ committee, ***subcommittee, or task force thereof***, are entitled to the same privileges and immunities, and the same compensation, as witnesses in other ***civil and criminal proceedings***~~[cases]~~. When summoned by the Commonwealth, they shall be paid out of the State Treasury.
- (2) ***Any member acting as chair***~~[Chairmen]~~ of a~~[the]~~ ***committee***,~~[committees]~~ ***subcommittee, or task force*** of the ***General Assembly***~~[Senate and House of Representatives]~~ ***shall***~~[may]~~ administer ***an***~~[all necessary oaths]~~ ***oath*** to any person who appears or is called to testify before ***that***~~[a]~~ committee, ***subcommittee, or task force***~~[of either house]~~.
- (3) ***The oath administered to each witness who testifies before a committee, subcommittee, or task force of the General Assembly shall follow the oath administered to a witness in a court of law and read as follows: "Do you swear or affirm that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"***
- (4) ***An oath sworn during a previous committee, subcommittee, or task force meeting is not applicable to any future committee meeting.***
- (5) ***Testimony given under oath is subject to the penalties as prescribed in KRS Chapter 523.***
- (6) ***All meetings of a committee, subcommittee, or task force of the General Assembly shall be recorded and transcribed.***