

1 AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the
2 Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

4 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Branch Budget is as follows:

5 **PART I**

6 **OPERATING BUDGET**

7 **Funds Appropriations:** Funds are appropriated to the Legislative Research
8 Commission for the Legislative Branch of government out of the General Fund and
9 Restricted Funds accounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30,
10 2019, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, in the
11 following discrete sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary. Each appropriation is
12 made by the source of respective fund or funds accounts to be used for the purposes of the
13 Legislative Branch of government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

| 14 | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
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| 15 | 1. General Assembly | | |
| 16 | General Fund | 18,211,700 | 19,020,700 |
| 17 | Restricted Funds | 75,000 | 175,000 |
| 18 | TOTAL | 18,286,700 | 19,195,700 |

19 **(1) Legislators Retirement and Compensation:** Notwithstanding any statutes to
20 the contrary, no funding is provided for the actuarially required contributions to the
21 Legislators Retirement Plan. Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily
22 compensation provided by KRS 6.190 and the interim expense allowance provided by
23 KRS 6.213 for members of the General Assembly shall remain at the January 1, 2018,
24 level.

25 **(2) Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General
26 Fund appropriation is \$541,500 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and \$543,600 in fiscal year
27 2019-2020 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above

1 Restricted Funds appropriation is \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and \$175,000 in fiscal
2 year 2019-2020 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

3 **(3) Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center:** Notwithstanding KRS
4 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its
5 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2018, and shall remain
6 suspended for the 2018-2020 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are
7 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2018-
8 2019 and fiscal year 2019-2020.

9 **(4) Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension
10 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500
11 to 6.577 on July 1, 2018, or July 1, 2019.

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| 12 | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| 13 | 2. Legislative Research Commission | | |
| 14 | General Fund | 50,396,000 | 51,141,800 |

15 **(1) Permanent Full-time Employees:** The total number of permanent full-time
16 employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation,
17 and not assigned specifically to the House and Senate members of the Legislative
18 Research Commission, shall not exceed 232 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and 232 in fiscal
19 year 2019-2020. In addition to this number, the total number of permanent full-time
20 employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research
21 Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned
22 specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not
23 exceed 10.

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| 24 | TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET | | |
| 25 | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| 26 | General Fund | 68,607,700 | 70,162,500 |
| 27 | Restricted Funds | 75,000 | 175,000 |

1 **3. Severability of Budget Provisions:** Appropriation items and sums in this Act
2 conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be
3 invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the
4 remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

5 **4. Duplicate Appropriation:** Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in
6 an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2018 Regular Session of the General
7 Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

8 **5. Priority of Individual Appropriations:** KRS 48.313 shall control when a
9 total or subtotal figure in this Act conflicts with the sum of the appropriations of which it
10 consists.

11 **6. Appropriations Revisions:** Proposed revisions to Restricted Funds
12 appropriations in this Act shall be made and reported pursuant to KRS 48.630(10). The
13 Director of the Legislative Research Commission may transfer any available funds
14 between all appropriation units as needed to meet the constitutional requirements of the
15 Legislative Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

16 **7. Allowance in Lieu of Stationery:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.220, in lieu of
17 stationery, there shall be allowed to each member of the House of Representatives the
18 sum of \$250 and to each member of the Senate the sum of \$500. This allowance shall be
19 paid out of the State Treasury at the beginning of each legislative session.

20 **8. Issuance of Employee Paychecks:** Notwithstanding 101 KAR 2:095, Section
21 10, the state payroll that would normally be scheduled to be paid on June 30, 2019, and
22 June 30, 2020, shall not be issued prior to July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020.

23 **9. Salary Adjustments:** In each fiscal year, employees of the Legislative
24 Research Commission shall receive a salary adjustment in accordance with the salary
25 adjustment provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget.

26 **10. Administrative Expenses:** Pursuant to KRS 21.540, administrative expenses
27 shall be paid out of an administrative account which shall be funded by transfers of the

1 necessary moneys, in appropriate ratio, from the funds provided for in KRS 21.550 and
2 21.560.

3 **PART III**

4 **FUNDS TRANSFER**

5 The Legislative Branch shall transfer \$2,269,000 to the General Fund in each fiscal
6 year.

7 **PART IV**

8 **BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN**

9 The Legislative Branch shall participate in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus
10 Expenditure Plan in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 48.