



GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE BILL NO. 181

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The following bill was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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1 AN ACT relating to reemployment of retired officers.

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

3 →Section 1. KRS 70.291 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS 70.291 to 70.293, "police officer" shall have the same meaning as
5 **"police officer"** in KRS 15.420 **and as "officer" in KRS 16.010.**

6 →Section 2. KRS 70.292 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) A county sheriff's office in the Commonwealth of Kentucky may employ police
8 officers who have retired under the **State Police Retirement System**, Kentucky
9 Employees Retirement System, or the County Employees Retirement System as
10 provided by KRS 70.291 to 70.293.

11 (2) An individual employed under KRS 70.291 to 70.293 shall have:

12 (a) **1.** Participated in the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund under
13 KRS 15.410 to 15.515; **or**

14 **2. Retired as a commissioned officer pursuant to KRS Chapter 16;**

15 (b) Retired with at least twenty (20) years of service credit;

16 (c) Been separated from service for the period required by KRS 61.637 so that the
17 member's retirement is not voided;

18 (d) Retired with no administrative charges pending; and

19 (e) Retired with no pre-existing agreement between the individual and the
20 sheriff's office prior to the individual's retirement for the individual to return
21 to work for the sheriff's office.

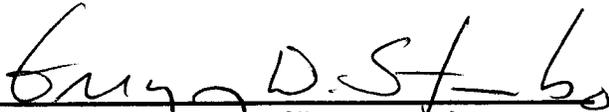
22 →Section 3. KRS 70.293 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Individuals employed under KRS 70.291 to 70.293 shall:

24 (a) Serve for a term not to exceed one (1) year. The one (1) year employment term
25 may be renewed annually at the discretion of the employing sheriff's office;

26 (b) Receive compensation according to the standard procedures applicable to the
27 employing sheriff's office; and

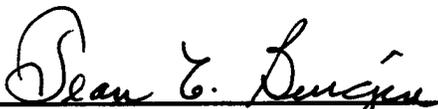
- 1 (c) Be employed based upon need as determined by the employing sheriff's office.
- 2 (2) Notwithstanding any provisions of KRS 16.505 to 16.652, 18A.225 to 18A.2287,
3 61.510 to 61.705, or 78.510 to 78.852 to the contrary:
- 4 (a) Individuals employed under KRS 70.291 to 70.293 shall continue to receive
5 all retirement and health insurance benefits to which they were entitled upon
6 retiring in the applicable system administered by Kentucky Retirement
7 Systems;
- 8 (b) Individuals employed under KRS 70.291 to 70.293 shall not be eligible to
9 receive health insurance coverage through the sheriff's office or the fiscal
10 court of the sheriff's county;
- 11 (c) The sheriff's office or fiscal court of the sheriff's office shall not pay any
12 employer contributions or retiree health expense reimbursements to the
13 Kentucky Retirement Systems required by KRS 61.637(17) for individuals
14 employed under KRS 70.291 to 70.293; and
- 15 (d) The sheriff's office or fiscal court of the sheriff's office shall not pay any
16 insurance contributions to the state health insurance plan, as provided by KRS
17 18A.225 to 18A.2287, for individuals employed under KRS 70.291 to 70.293.
- 18 (3) Individuals employed under KRS 70.291 to 70.293 shall be subject to any merit
19 system, civil service, or other legislative due process provisions applicable to the
20 sheriff's office. A decision not to renew a one (1) year appointment term under this
21 section shall not be considered a disciplinary action or deprivation subject to due
22 process.



Speaker House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

Date 3/30/15