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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, 2016, and ending June 30,
10 2017, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, 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.

		2016-17	2017-18
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15	**1. General Assembly**		
16	General Fund	18,823,100	19,631,600
17	Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
18	TOTAL	18,898,100	19,806,600

19 **(1) Legislators Retirement and Compensation:** The above appropriation to the
20 General Assembly includes funds for the Legislators Retirement Plan in each fiscal year.
21 Notwithstanding KRS 6.190 and 6.213, the daily compensation provided by KRS 6.190
22 and the interim expense allowance provided by KRS 6.213 for members of the General
23 Assembly shall remain at the January 1, 2016, level.
24 **(2) Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission:** Included in the above General
25 Fund appropriation is $426,500 in fiscal year 2016-2017 and $428,100 in fiscal year
26 2017-2018 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. Included in the above
27 Restricted Funds appropriation is $75,000 in fiscal year 2016-2017 and $175,000 in fiscal

1 year 2017-2018 for the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission.

2 **(3) Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center:** Notwithstanding KRS
3 7B.010 to 7B.090, operation of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center and its
4 governing board shall continue to be suspended effective July 1, 2016, and shall remain
5 suspended for the 2016-2018 fiscal biennium or until funding is restored. No funds are
6 appropriated for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center for fiscal year 2016-
7 2017 and fiscal year 2017-2018.

8 **(4) Pension Benefit Increase:** Notwithstanding KRS 6.521(3), no pension
9 benefit increase shall be granted to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 6.500
10 to 6.577 on July 1, 2016, or July 1, 2017.

	2016-17	2017-18
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12 **2. Legislative Research Commission**		
13 General Fund	40,488,000	43,575,000

14 **(1) Permanent Full-time Employees:** The total number of permanent full-time
15 employees hired by the Legislative Research Commission with the above appropriation,
16 and not assigned specifically to the House and Senate members of the Legislative
17 Research Commission, shall not exceed 232 in fiscal year 2016-2017 and 232 in fiscal
18 year 2017-2018. In addition to this number, the total number of permanent full-time
19 employees assigned specifically to the House members of the Legislative Research
20 Commission shall not exceed 19 and the permanent full-time employees assigned
21 specifically to the Senate members of the Legislative Research Commission shall not
22 exceed 10.

23 **TOTAL - OPERATING BUDGET**

	2016-17	2017-18
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25 General Fund	59,311,100	63,206,600
26 Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
27 TOTAL	59,386,100	63,381,600

1 **Unexpended Balance:** Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any unexpended balance
2 remaining at the close of fiscal year 2015-2016 shall not lapse but shall continue into
3 fiscal year 2016-2017, and any unexpended balance in any succeeding fiscal year shall
4 not lapse but shall continue into the following fiscal year.

5 **TOTAL - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET**

	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	59,311,100	63,206,600
Restricted Funds	75,000	175,000
TOTAL	59,386,100	63,381,600

10 **PART II**

11 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

12 **1. Expenditure Authority:** The Director of the Legislative Research
13 Commission, under the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, may expend
14 any of the funds appropriated for legislative operation and administration in any lawful
15 manner and for any legal purpose consistent with the policies and practices of the
16 Commission. No executive agency or statute governing the executive agencies of state
17 government shall have the power to restrict or limit the actions of, or the expenditure of
18 funds appropriated to, the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of
19 government.

20 **2. Capitol and Capitol Annex Capital Construction Expenditures:** Any
21 expenditure authorized by the Director of the Legislative Research Commission, under
22 the supervision of the Legislative Research Commission, relating to implementation of
23 KRS 56.463(4)(b), or relating to the Capitol Building, and funded by previous or current
24 appropriations to the Legislative Research Commission for the Legislative Branch of
25 government shall not be governed by KRS 7A.010, 7A.120, 45.750 to 45.810,
26 48.010(16), 48.020, and 48.110.

27 **3. Severability of Budget Provisions:** Appropriation items and sums in this Act

1 conform to KRS 48.311. If any section, any subsection, or any provision thereof shall be
2 invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the courts shall not affect or impair any of the
3 remaining sections, subsections, or provisions.

4 **4. Duplicate Appropriation:** Any appropriation item and sum in this Act and in
5 an appropriation provision in another Act of the 2016 Regular Session of the General
6 Assembly which constitutes a duplicate appropriation shall be governed by KRS 48.312.

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

10 **6. Appropriations Revisions:** Proposed revisions to Restricted Funds
11 appropriations in this Act shall be made and reported pursuant to KRS 48.630(10). The
12 Director of the Legislative Research Commission may transfer any available funds
13 between all appropriation units as needed to meet the constitutional requirements of the
14 Legislative Branch for fiscal years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018.

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

19 **8. Issuance of Employee Paychecks:** Notwithstanding 101 KAR 2:095, Section
20 10, the state payroll that would normally be scheduled to be paid on June 30, 2017, and
21 June 30, 2018, shall not be issued prior to July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018.

22 **9. Salary Adjustments:** The Director of the Legislative Research Commission
23 shall propose a salary adjustment plan for employees of the Legislative Research
24 Commission for approval by the Legislative Research Commission.

25 **10. Surplus Property:** Upon their declaration as surplus, the Legislative
26 Research Commission may sell legislative chairs to current or former members of the
27 General Assembly. Proceeds from the sale shall be deposited to the credit of the

1 Legislative Research Commission and shall be used for the purpose of purchasing
2 replacement items. This provision shall suspend other state laws with regards to the
3 disposition of state property for the purpose stated and for no other purpose.

4 **PART III**

5 **FUNDS TRANSFER**

6 The Legislative Branch shall transfer $3,484,100 to the General Fund in each fiscal
7 year.

8 **PART IV**

9 **BUDGET REDUCTION OR SURPLUS EXPENDITURE PLAN**

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

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date