AN ACT relating to gubernatorial appointments and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. KRS 63.080 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and otherwise provided by law, any person appointed by the Governor, either with or without the advice and consent of the Senate, may be removed from office by the Governor for any cause the Governor deems sufficient, by an order of the Governor entered in the executive journal removing the officer.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, members of the board of trustees of the University of Kentucky, the board of trustees of the University of Louisville, members of the board of regents respectively of Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Kentucky State University, Northern Kentucky University, Murray State University, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and members of the Kentucky Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education shall not be removed except for cause.

(3) For a board or council specified in subsection (2) of this section that is required by law to have proportional representation in its membership based on residence, political affiliation, gender, minority racial composition, or professional qualifications, the Governor or other appointing authority may remove any member of the board or council and replace him or her with another individual in order to bring the membership into compliance with the statutory proportional representation requirement for the board or council, provided that the Governor or other appointing authority shall:

(a) Remove the fewest number of members necessary to bring the membership into compliance with the proportional representation requirement for the board or council:
(b) Identify the order in which the current members were appointed and,
beginning with the most recently appointed member who may be removed
and replaced to bring the membership into compliance with the
proportional representation requirement, remove the member or members
according to the length of their tenure on the board or council;

(c) Provide any member proposed to be removed with the following:

1. Written notice, at least seven (7) days prior to the member's removal
   from the board or council, stating the statutory proportional
   representation requirement that the member does not satisfy; and

2. An opportunity during the seven (7) day notice period for the member
to provide evidence to the Governor or other appointing authority that
the member does satisfy the proportional representation requirement
or that another member on the board or council who also does not
satisfy the requirement has a shorter tenure than the member
proposed to be removed;

(d) Replace any removed member with only those individuals who will bring the
board or council into compliance with the proportional representation
requirement; and

(e) Appoint any new member in the same manner as provided by law for the
member being removed and to fill the remainder of the removed member's
unexpired term.

(4) For a board or council specified in subsection (2) of this section, the Governor
may, by executive order, remove all appointed members of the board or council
and replace the entire appointed membership upon a written finding of fact by
the Governor that the board or council is no longer functioning according to its
statutory mandate as specified in the enabling statutes applicable to each board
or council.
Section 2. KRS 156.029 is amended to read as follows:

1. There is hereby established a Kentucky Board of Education, which shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the General Assembly, with the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education serving as an ex officio nonvoting member. Seven (7) members shall represent each of the Supreme Court districts as established by KRS 21A.010, and four (4) members shall represent the state at large. Each of the appointed members shall serve for a four (4) year term, unless a member is removed by the Governor for cause or pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act, except the initial appointments shall be as follows: the seven (7) members representing Supreme Court districts shall serve a term which shall expire on April 14, 1994; and the four (4) at-large members shall serve a term which shall expire on April 14, 1992. Subsequent appointments shall be submitted to the Senate and to the House of Representatives for confirmation in accordance with KRS 11.160. Each appointment by the Governor shall be agreed upon by both chambers in order for the person to be confirmed. Each confirmed appointee shall take office on April 15.

2. Appointments shall be made without reference to occupation, political affiliation, or similar consideration. No member at the time of his appointment or during the term of his service shall be engaged as a professional educator. Pursuant to KRS 63.080, a member shall not be removed except for cause.

3. A vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term with the consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives. In the event that the General Assembly is not in session at the time of the appointment, the consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be obtained during the time the General Assembly next convenes.

4. At the first regular meeting of the board in each fiscal year, a chairperson shall be
elected from its voting membership.

(5) The members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(6) The commissioner of education shall serve as the executive secretary to the board.

(7) The primary function of the board shall be to develop and adopt policies and administrative regulations, with the advice of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, by which the Department of Education shall be governed in planning, coordinating, administering, supervising, operating, and evaluating the educational programs, services, and activities within the Department of Education which are within the jurisdiction of the board.

(8) The inability of the board to hold regular meetings, to elect a chairperson, to establish a quorum, or to reach consensus among its members in order to carry out its primary function to develop and adopt policies and administrative regulations by which the Department of Education shall be governed, or to otherwise perform its duties under KRS 156.070 shall be cause for the Governor to remove all appointed members of the board and replace the entire appointed membership pursuant to subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act.

Section 3. KRS 164.011 is amended to read as follows:

(1) There is hereby created and established a Council on Postsecondary Education in Kentucky as an agency, instrumentality, and political subdivision of the Commonwealth and a public body corporate and politic having all powers, duties, and responsibilities as are provided to it by law, appointed for a term set by law pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of Kentucky. The council shall be composed of the commissioner of education, a faculty member, a student member, and thirteen (13) citizen members appointed by the Governor. The citizen members shall be confirmed by the Senate under KRS 11.160, and the commissioner of education shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member. Citizen council members
shall be selected from a list of nominees provided to the Governor under the nominating process set forth in KRS 164.005. If the General Assembly is not in session at the time of the appointment, persons appointed shall serve prior to confirmation, but the Governor shall seek the consent of the Senate at the next regular session or at an intervening extraordinary session if the matter is included in the call of the General Assembly.

(2) By no later than thirty (30) days after May 30, 1997, the Governor's Postsecondary Education Nominating Committee shall submit nominations to the Governor as set forth in KRS 164.005. On making appointments to the council, the Governor shall assure broad geographical and political representation; assure equal representation of the two (2) sexes, inasmuch as possible; assure no less than proportional representation of the two (2) leading political parties of the Commonwealth based on the state's voter registration and the political affiliation of each appointee as of December 31 of the year preceding the date of his or her appointment; and assure that appointments reflect the minority racial composition of the Commonwealth. In filling vacancies to the council, the Governor shall act so as to provide, inasmuch as possible, equal representation of the two (2) sexes by appointing a member of the sex that is the lesser represented at the time of the appointment. If the remaining membership already has an equal number of males and females, the Governor may appoint a member of either sex. No more than two (2) members of the council shall hold an undergraduate degree from any one (1) Kentucky university, and no more than three (3) voting members of the council shall reside in any one (1) judicial district of the Kentucky Supreme Court as of the date of the appointment. However, change in residency after the date of appointment shall not affect the ability to serve.

(3) One (1) member shall be a full-time faculty member employed at a state institution of postsecondary education. The faculty member shall be appointed to a four (4) year term by the Governor from a list of three (3) nominees selected and submitted
by majority vote of the ten (10) faculty members who serve as faculty representatives of the boards of trustees and boards of regents of the nine (9) postsecondary education institutions.

(4) One (1) member shall be enrolled as a full-time student at a state institution of postsecondary education and shall be selected annually in the following manner: not later than June 1 of each year the eight (8) student body presidents of the four (4) year state public institutions of higher education, the two (2) student members to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and one (1) student body president representing the members of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities shall elect by majority vote three (3) nominees to submit to the Governor. From this list of nominees, the Governor shall appoint a student member.

(5) In filling any vacancies, the Governor shall ensure the continuing representation upon the council of the broad constituencies as set forth in subsection (2) of this section. Vacancies on the council shall be filled for the unexpired term in accordance with the procedures established for the original appointments.

(6) Each citizen member shall serve a term of six (6) years unless removed by the Governor for cause or pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act, except the initial appointments shall be as follows:

(a) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 1997;
(b) Three (3) appointments shall expire December 31, 1998;
(c) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 1999;
(d) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 2000;
(e) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 2001; and
(f) Two (2) appointments shall expire December 31, 2002.

(7) Any person, other than the chief state school officer, holding either an elective or appointive state office or who is a member of the governing board of any state
university in Kentucky, shall be ineligible for membership or appointment on the
council during his term.

(8) The members of the council shall elect the chair and the vice chair of the council
from among the council's membership, and the chair and vice chair shall serve at
the pleasure of the council. The vice chair shall serve as chair in the absence of the
chair.

(9) The council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call of the chair
or a majority of the council.

(10) A quorum shall be a majority of the appointive membership of the council.

(11) A quorum shall be required to organize and conduct the business of the council,
except that an affirmative vote of eight (8) or more appointive members of the
entire council shall be required to dismiss from employment the president of the
council, and to adopt or amend the state strategic postsecondary education agenda.

(12) New appointees to the council shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
Appointees after May 30, 1997, who previously served on the Council of Higher
Education may serve two (2) additional full consecutive terms.

(13) New appointees to the council shall complete an orientation and education program
set forth in KRS 164.020(25) to be eligible for appointment to a second term.

(14) **The inability of the council to hold at least quarterly meetings, to elect a chair
and vice chair, to establish a quorum, or to reach consensus among its members
in order to carry out its primary function to organize and conduct the business of
the council, or to otherwise perform its duties under KRS 164.020 shall be cause
for the Governor to remove all appointed members of the council and replace the
entire appointed membership pursuant to subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act.**

⇒ Section 4. KRS 164.131 is amended to read as follows:

(1) (a) The government of the University of Kentucky is vested in a board of trustees
appointed for a term set by law pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of
Kentucky.

(b) All appointed and elected persons shall be required to attend and complete an orientation and education program prescribed by the council under KRS 164.020(25), as a condition of their service and eligibility for appointment or election to a second term.

(c) The board shall periodically evaluate the institution's progress in implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda. Officers and officials shall be held accountable for the status of the institution's progress.

(d) Board members may be removed by the Governor **under the following circumstances:**

1. For cause, which shall include neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, after being afforded a hearing with counsel before the council and a finding of fact by the council; or

2. **Pursuant to subsections (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act.**

(e) The board shall consist of sixteen (16) members appointed by the Governor, two (2) members of the faculty of the University of Kentucky, one (1) member of the University of Kentucky nonteaching personnel, and one (1) member of the student body of the University of Kentucky. The voting members of the board shall select a chairperson annually.

(2) (a) The terms of the appointed members shall be for six (6) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, **unless a member is removed by the Governor for cause or pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act:** except the initial appointments shall be as follows:

1. Two (2) members shall serve one (1) year terms;

2. Two (2) members shall serve two (2) year terms, one (1) of whom shall be a graduate of the university, selected from a list of three (3) names
submitted by the alumni of the university according to rules established
by the board of trustees;

3. Three (3) members shall serve three (3) year terms;

4. Three (3) members shall serve four (4) year terms, one (1) of whom
shall be a graduate of the university, selected as under subparagraph 2.
of this subsection;

5. Three (3) members shall serve five (5) year terms; and

6. Three (3) members shall serve six (6) year terms, one (1) of whom shall
be a graduate of the university, selected as under subparagraph 2. of this
subsection.

(b) 1. Three (3) of the appointments shall be graduates of the university and
may include one (1) graduate of the institution who resides outside the
Commonwealth;

2. Three (3) shall be representative of agricultural interests; and

3. Ten (10) shall be other distinguished citizens representative of the
learned professions and may include one (1) who resides outside of
Kentucky.

(c) The Governor shall make the appointments so as to reflect proportional
representation of the two (2) leading political parties of the Commonwealth
based on the state's voter registration and the political affiliation of each
appointee as of December 31 of the year preceding the date of his or her
appointment, and to reflect no less than proportional representation of the
minority racial composition of the Commonwealth.

(d) Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired term in the
same manner as provided for the original appointments.

(3) The two (2) University of Kentucky faculty members shall be of the rank of
assistant professor or above. They shall be elected by secret ballot by all University
of Kentucky faculty members of the rank of assistant professor or above. Faculty members shall serve for terms of three (3) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Faculty members shall be eligible for reelection, but they shall be ineligible to continue to serve as members of the board of trustees if they cease to be members of the faculty of the university. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for original elections.

(4) The nonteaching personnel member shall be any full-time staff member, excluding the president, vice-presidents, academic deans, and academic department chairpersons. The staff member shall represent all nonteaching university employees including but not limited to building facilities and clerical personnel. The staff member shall be elected by secret ballot by the nonteaching employees. The staff member shall serve a term of three (3) years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The staff member shall be eligible for reelection, but a staff member who ceases being an employee of the university shall not be eligible to continue to serve as a member of the board. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term and shall be held in the same manner as provided for the original election.

(5) The student member shall be the president of the student body of the university during the appropriate academic year and may be an out-of-state resident if applicable. If the student member does not maintain his position as student body president or his status as a full-time student at any time during that academic year, a special election shall be held to select a full-time student. The student member shall serve for a term of one (1) year beginning with the first meeting of the fiscal year which contains that academic year.

(6) The number of student and employee trustees of the University of Kentucky elected to the board shall not exceed four (4).

(7) Unless specifically approved by the board of trustees under the provisions of KRS
164.367, no member of the administrative staff of the university shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the university for the sale of property, materials, supplies, equipment, or services, with exception of compensation to the two (2) faculty members, and the one (1) nonteaching personnel member.

(8) New appointees of the board shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Board members serving as of May 30, 1997, may be reappointed at the end of their existing terms and may serve two (2) additional full consecutive terms.

(9) The inability of the board to hold regular meetings, to elect a chairperson annually, to establish a quorum, or to reach consensus among its members in order to carry out its primary function to periodically evaluate the institution's progress in implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda shall be cause for the Governor to remove all appointed members of the board and replace the entire appointed membership pursuant to subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act.

Section 5. KRS 164.180 is amended to read as follows:

(1) The board of trustees may elect a vice chairman and such other officers as it deems wise, and may make such bylaws, rules and regulations consistent with this chapter as it deems proper.

(2) If the board of trustees adopts bylaws, rules or regulations pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, those bylaws, rules or regulations shall reference the member removal and replacement provisions of Section 1 of this Act.

Section 6. KRS 164.321 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Western Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Northern Kentucky University, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall each be governed by a board of regents appointed for a term set by law pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of Kentucky.
(a) Each board of the comprehensive universities shall consist of eight (8) members appointed by the Governor, one (1) member of the teaching faculty, one (1) member of the university nonteaching personnel, and one (1) member of the student body of the respective university or college. The members of the board shall select a chairperson annually.

(b) The board of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall consist of eight (8) members appointed by the Governor, two (2) members of the teaching faculty, two (2) members of the nonteaching personnel, and two (2) members of the student body.

1. No more than three (3) appointed members of the board shall reside in any one (1) judicial district of the Kentucky Supreme Court as of the date of the appointment.

2. A change in residency of a gubernatorial appointee after the date of appointment shall not affect the appointee's ability to serve or eligibility for reappointment, except an appointee who assumes residency outside the fifty (50) United States shall become immediately ineligible to serve. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall notify the appointee of his or her ineligibility to serve.

3. In making initial appointments, the Governor shall act so as to provide equal representation of the two (2) sexes. In filling vacancies, the Governor shall act so as to provide, inasmuch as possible, equal representation of the two (2) sexes by appointing a member of the sex that is the lesser represented at the time of the appointment. If the remaining membership already has an equal number of males and females, the Governor may appoint a member of either sex.

(2) The terms of appointed members shall be for six (6) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless a member is removed by the Governor for
cause or pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act, except the
initial appointments to the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and
Technical College System shall be as follows:

(a) One (1) member shall serve a one (1) year term;
(b) One (1) member shall serve a two (2) year term;
(c) Two (2) members shall serve three (3) year terms;
(d) One (1) member shall serve a four (4) year term;
(e) One (1) member shall serve a five (5) year term; and
(f) Two (2) members shall serve six (6) year terms.

New appointees of a board of regents shall not serve for more than two (2)
consecutive terms. Board members serving as of May 30, 1997, may be reappointed
at the end of their existing terms and may serve two (2) additional full consecutive
terms.

(3) The gubernatorial appointments may include one (1) graduate of the respective
institution who resides outside the Commonwealth. Not more than two (2)
appointed members of any board shall be residents of one (1) county. The
appointments shall reflect the proportional representation of the two (2) leading
political parties of the Commonwealth based on the state's voter registration and the
political affiliation of each appointee as of December 31 of the year preceding the
date of his or her appointment. Membership on the board shall reflect no less than
proportional representation of the minority racial composition of the
Commonwealth. Membership on the board shall not be incompatible with any state
office. A change in residency after the date of appointment shall not affect a
member's ability to serve nor shall it prevent a member's eligibility for
reappointment, except a member who assumes residency outside the fifty (50)
United States shall become immediately ineligible to serve. The Council on
Postsecondary Education shall notify the appointee of his or her ineligibility to
serve.

(4) Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner and within the same time after the occurrence of the vacancy as regular appointments. The person appointed shall hold the position for the unexpired term only.

(5) Each member of the board shall serve for the term for which the member is appointed and until a successor is appointed and qualified, **unless a member is removed by the Governor for cause or pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act.**

(6) (a) The faculty member of a comprehensive university shall be a teaching or research member of the faculty of his or her respective university of the rank of assistant professor or above. The faculty member shall be elected by secret ballot by all faculty members of his or her university of the rank of instructor, assistant professor, or above. The faculty member shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The faculty member shall be eligible for reelection, but he or she shall not be eligible to continue to serve as a member of the board if he or she ceases being a member of the teaching staff of the university. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original election.

(b) The faculty members of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall be represented by one (1) faculty member elected from the community colleges and one (1) faculty member elected from the technical institutions to serve three (3) year terms and until their successors are named. The faculty representative of each branch shall be elected by means of a process established by the board. The faculty members may be reelected but shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. A faculty member shall be ineligible to continue to serve as a member of the board if he or she ceases to be a member of the faculty at one (1) of the institutions within the system.
Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original election. These two (2) members shall collectively have one (1) vote which may be cast one-half (1/2) vote by each member.

(7) (a) The nonteaching personnel member in a comprehensive university shall be any full-time staff member excluding the president, vice presidents, academic deans, and academic department chairpersons. He or she shall represent all nonteaching university employees including, but not limited to, building facilities and clerical personnel. The member shall be elected by secret ballot by the nonteaching employees. The nonteaching personnel member shall serve a term of three (3) years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The nonteaching personnel member shall be eligible for reelection, but he or she shall not be eligible to continue to serve as a member of the board if he or she ceases being an employee of the university. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original election.

(b) The nonteaching personnel members in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall be any full-time staff member excluding a president, chancellor, vice president, academic dean, academic department chair, or other administrator. They shall represent all nonteaching employees in their respective branch institutions including, but not limited to, support and clerical personnel. One (1) member shall be a representative from the community colleges and one (1) member shall be a representative from the technical institutions. They shall serve three (3) year terms and until their successors are named. These two (2) members shall collectively have one (1) vote which may be cast one-half (1/2) vote by each member. The nonteaching personnel members of each branch shall be elected by means of a process established by the board. A nonteaching personnel member may be reelected...
but shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. A nonteaching employee shall be ineligible to continue to serve as a member of the board if that employee ceases to be a nonteaching employee at one (1) of the institutions within the system. Elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original election.

(8) (a) The student member on a comprehensive university board shall be the president of the student body of the university during the appropriate academic year and may be an out-of-state resident if applicable. If the student member does not maintain his or her position as student body president or status as a full-time student at any time during that academic year, a special election shall be held to select a full-time student member. The student member shall serve for a term of one (1) year beginning with the first meeting of the fiscal year which contains that academic year.

(b) Two (2) full-time student members shall be elected to the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. One (1) shall represent students of the community colleges and one (1) shall represent the technical institutions. The student members shall be elected by means of a process established by the board. The student members shall serve one (1) year terms beginning with the first meeting of the fiscal year that contains the academic year. If the student member does not maintain his or her status as a full-time student, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. The two (2) members shall collectively have one (1) vote which may be cast one-half (1/2) vote by each member.

(9) All appointed and elected persons shall be required to attend and complete an orientation and education program prescribed by the council under KRS 164.020(25), as a condition of their service and eligibility for appointment or election to a second term.
Board members may be removed by the Governor under the following circumstances:

(a) For cause, which shall include neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, after being afforded a hearing with counsel before the Council on Postsecondary Education and a finding of fact by the council; or

(b) Pursuant to subsections (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act.

The inability of the board or boards of the comprehensive universities or Kentucky Community and Technical College System to hold quarterly meetings, to elect a chairperson annually, to establish a quorum, or to reach consensus among its members in order to carry out its primary function to periodically evaluate the institution's or system's progress in implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda, or to otherwise perform its duties under Section 7 of this Act shall be cause for the Governor to remove all appointed members of the board or boards and replace the entire appointed membership pursuant to subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act.

Section 7. KRS 164.350 is amended to read as follows:

The government of each of the state universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System is vested in its respective board of regents. Each board of regents, when its members have been appointed and qualified, shall constitute a body corporate, with the usual corporate powers, and with all immunities, rights, privileges, and franchises usually attaching to the governing bodies of educational institutions. Each board may:

(a) Receive grants of money and expend the same for the use and benefit of the university or college;

(b) Adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations for the government of its members, officers, agents, and employees, and enforce obedience to such rules, provided that any adopted bylaws, rules, or regulations shall reference the member
(c) Require such reports from the president, officers, faculty, and employees as it
deems necessary and proper from time to time;
(d) Determine the number of divisions, departments, bureaus, offices, and
agencies needed for the successful conduct of the affairs of the university or
college; and
(e) Grant diplomas and confer degrees upon the recommendation of the president
and faculty.

(2) Each board of regents shall periodically evaluate the institution's progress in
implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda.
Officers and officials shall be held accountable for the status of the institution's
progress.

(3) In addition to the duties required in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the board
of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, upon
recommendation of the president of the system, shall:
(a) Develop and implement guidelines for the preparation of biennial budget
requests by the administrators of the colleges within the system. The
guidelines shall define the processes for review and approval by the boards of
directors for the colleges;
(b) Adopt a biennial budget request for the Kentucky Community and Technical
College System upon the recommendation of the president of the system;
(c) Adopt an allocation process for distributing funds to the colleges within the
system;
(d) Consider recommendations from the boards of directors of the colleges to
improve the overall budget planning and allocation processes;
(e) Designate each college with a name;
(f) Encourage and accept donations of land and funds to be used in the
acquisition, construction, or operations of colleges in the system. The board may commemorate donations from private persons or corporations with suitable memorials; and

(g) Accept federal grants when deemed appropriate to be used in the acquisition, construction, or operations of colleges in the system.

The board of regents shall assure that the budget planning and implementation processes are consistent with the adopted strategic agenda and biennial budget and with the missions of the institutions within the system.

Section 8. KRS 164.821 is amended to read as follows:

(1) The government of the University of Louisville is vested in a board of trustees appointed for a term set by law pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of Kentucky. The board shall consist of seventeen (17) members appointed by the Governor; one (1) member of the teaching faculty of the University of Louisville who shall be the chief executive of the ranking unit of faculty government; a member of the permanent staff of the University of Louisville who shall be the chief executive of the staff senate; and a student member who shall be the president of the student body during the appropriate academic year.

(a) All appointed and elected persons shall be required to attend and complete an orientation and education program prescribed by the council under KRS 164.020(25), as a condition of their service and eligibility for appointment or election to a second term.

(b) Board members may be removed by the Governor under the following circumstances:

1. For cause, which shall include neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, after being afforded a hearing with counsel before the Council on Postsecondary Education and a finding of fact by the council; or

2. Pursuant to subsections (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act.
(c) New appointees to the board shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Board members serving as of May 30, 1997, may be reappointed at the end of their existing terms and may serve two (2) additional full consecutive terms.

(2) If the student member does not maintain his position as student body president or his status as a full-time student at any time during that academic year a special election shall be held to select a full-time student member. The student member shall serve for a term of one (1) year beginning with the first meeting of the fiscal year which contains that academic year.

(3) The faculty member, staff member, and student body member shall cease to be eligible for membership on the board of trustees upon termination of their respective relationships with the university, and vacancies occurring for this reason shall be filled for the remainder of the respective terms in the same manner. The voting members of the board shall select a chairperson annually.

(4) The gubernatorial appointments shall serve a term of six (6) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless a member is removed by the Governor for cause or pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of Section 1 of this Act, except the initial terms shall be as follows:

(a) Two (2) members shall serve one (1) year terms;
(b) Three (3) members shall serve two (2) year terms;
(c) Three (3) members shall serve three (3) year terms, one (1) of whom shall be a graduate of the university, selected from a list of three (3) names submitted by the alumni of the university in the manner and according to rules prescribed by the board of trustees;
(d) Three (3) members shall serve four (4) year terms;
(e) Three (3) members shall serve five (5) year terms; and
(f) Three (3) members shall serve six (6) year terms, one (1) of whom shall be a
gradient of the university, selected as under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(5) The Governor shall make his at-large appointments so as to divide the citizen representation upon the board to reflect proportional representation of the two (2) leading political parties in the Commonwealth based on the state's voter registration and the political affiliation of each appointee as of December 31 of the year preceding the date of his or her appointment, and shall reflect no less than proportional representation of the minority racial composition of the Commonwealth. The membership may include one (1) graduate of the institution who resides outside the Commonwealth, but he shall not be reimbursed for out-of-state travel.

(6) Vacancies among the citizen members of the board occurring by death, resignation, or any other cause shall be filled by appointments made by the Governor for the expiration of the term, subject to the qualifications set forth in this section.

(7) Unless specifically approved by the board of trustees under the provisions of KRS 164.367, no member of the teaching or administrative staff of the university shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the university for the sale of property, materials, supplies, equipment, or services, with the exception of compensation to the faculty, staff, and student members.

(8) The inability of the board to hold regular meetings, to elect a chairperson annually, to establish a quorum, or to reach consensus among its members in order to carry out its primary function to periodically evaluate the institution's progress in implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic agenda, or to otherwise perform its duties under Section 9 of this Act shall be cause for the Governor to remove all appointed members of the board and replace the entire appointed membership pursuant to subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act.

⇒ Section 9. KRS 164.830 is amended to read as follows:
(1) The board of trustees of the University of Louisville shall constitute a body corporate, with the usual corporate powers, and shall possess all the authorities, immunities, rights, privileges, and franchises usually attaching to the governing bodies of Kentucky public higher educational institutions. Powers of the board shall include the following:

(a) Appointment of a president, all faculty members, and other personnel and determination of the compensation, duties, and official relations of each. No relative of a board of trustee member shall be employed by the university.

(b) Suspension or removal of the president, officers, faculty, agents, or other personnel that it is authorized to appoint, except that no president, professor, or teacher shall be removed except for incompetence, neglect of or refusal to perform his duty, or for immoral conduct and that the removal shall be made in accordance with procedures established by law for state institutions.

(c) Election of a vice chairperson and any other officers as it deems wise, including the annual election of a six (6) member executive committee which shall have the powers that the board delegates to it and shall operate under the rules the board shall establish under its authority to make bylaws, rules, and regulations consistent with this chapter. The committee shall have one (1) member representing the students, faculty, and nonteaching personnel with the group alternating each year. The initial appointment to the executive committee after May 30, 1997, shall be a faculty member, to be followed by a student and a nonteaching personnel, respectively.

(d) Receipt, retention, and administration, on behalf of the university, subject to the conditions attached, all revenues accruing from endowments, appropriations, allotments, grants or bequests, and all types of property.

(e) Requirement of reports from the president, officers, faculty, and employees as it deems necessary and proper from time to time.
(f) Granting degrees to graduates of the university, prescription of conditions
upon which postgraduate honors may be obtained, and conferment of
honorary degrees.

(g) The board shall periodically evaluate the institution's progress in
implementing its missions, goals, and objectives to conform to the strategic
agenda. Officers and officials shall be held accountable for the status of the
institution's progress.

(f) The board may adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations for the government of
its members, officers, agents, and employees, and enforce obedience to such
rules, provided that any adopted bylaws, rules, or regulations shall
reference the member removal and replacement provisions of Section 1 of
this Act.

(2) The provisions of KRS 164.030, 164.200, and 164.410, shall be applicable to the
University of Louisville except where inconsistent with the purposes of KRS
164.810 to 164.870.

Section 10. The General Assembly finds and declares that one or more of the
boards or councils specified in Section 1 of this Act has a current membership that is not
in compliance with statutory proportional representation requirements, or that one or
more of the boards or councils has a history of appointments being made that do not meet
those statutory requirements. Additionally, the General Assembly finds and declares that
one or more of the boards or councils specified in Section 1 of this Act has a current
membership that is no longer functioning according to its statutory mandate, or that one
or more of the boards and councils has a history of failing to function according to its
statutory mandate. Therefore, the General Assembly further finds and declares that the
Governor or other appointing authority shall have the power to remove certain members
of a board or council and replace those members with new appointees, consistent with
and as specified in Sections 1 to 9 of this Act.
Section 11. Because the membership of a number of boards or councils are currently not in compliance with the proportional representation requirements provided by law, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.