196.701 Kentucky State Corrections Commission -- Membership.

(1) To develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for the state and community corrections programs, the Kentucky State Corrections Commission is created and is attached to the Office of the Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. The commission shall consist of twenty-three (23) members as follows:

(a) The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet or his or her designee in writing;
(b) The commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee in writing;
(c) The deputy commissioner of the Office of Community Services and Facilities;
(d) The deputy commissioner of the Office of Adult Institutions;
(e) The director of the Division of Parole and Victim Services or his or her designee in writing;
(f) The executive director of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet or his or her designee in writing;
(g) Two (2) Circuit Court Judges appointed by the Chief Justice;
(h) A county judge/executive appointed by the Governor;
(i) A county jailer appointed by the Governor;
(j) A Commonwealth's attorney appointed by the Governor;
(k) A practicing attorney appointed by the Governor;
(l) A victim, as that term is defined in KRS 49.280, appointed by the Governor;
(m) Four (4) service providers from the field of mental health, substance abuse treatment, or vocational and educational training, appointed by the Governor;
(n) A public member who is qualified to express the views of organized labor, appointed by the Governor;
(o) A public member who is qualified to express the views of business and industry, appointed by the Governor;
(p) The public advocate or his or her designee in writing; and
(q) Three (3) at-large members appointed by the Governor.

(2) The terms of those members appointed by the appointing authority shall be three (3) years. These members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and shall be eligible for reappointment. The appointed members may be removed for cause. All others serve during their terms of office. If there is a vacancy, the appointing authority shall immediately make an appointment effective for the unexpired term.

(3) The chairperson of the commission shall be the secretary of justice and public safety. The commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall serve as the vice chairperson who shall preside and exercise the functions of the chairperson during absence or disability of the chairperson.
(4) Regular meetings of the commission shall be held at least once every four (4) months at a place, day, and hour determined by the commission. Special meetings shall be held when needed as determined by the chairperson. If five (5) or more members of the commission request in writing that the chairperson call a special meeting, then the chairperson shall call a special meeting.

(5) Members of the commission shall receive reimbursement for necessary expenses for attendance at official commission meetings or public hearings. The administrative functions of the commission shall be performed by a full-time employee of the department who is selected by the commissioner. All public members of the commission shall, in addition to expenses, receive twenty-five dollars ($25) per day for attending each meeting.

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