

**146.652 Kentucky Natural History Museum -- Board of directors -- Appointments, terms, and meetings.**

- (1) To achieve the purposes of KRS 146.650 to 146.666, the Kentucky Natural History Museum is created. The museum shall serve Kentuckians as a focal point of educational resources to:
  - (a) Support teaching the natural sciences and anthropology in Kentucky and to educate the public about the unique and diverse natural history of the Commonwealth;
  - (b) Encourage the conservation of the state's natural resources;
  - (c) Create a stable repository for scientifically valuable and irreplaceable biological, geological, and archeological specimens; and
  - (d) Encourage the repatriation and preservation of Kentucky specimens that have been or may be sent outside the state because those specimens cannot be financially supported by their owners.
- (2) The museum shall be developed and administered by a board of directors comprised of the following:
  - (a) The director of the Kentucky Geological Survey;
  - (b) The director of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission;
  - (c) The executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Council;
  - (d) The executive director of the Kentucky Historical Society;
  - (e) The commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; and
  - (f) Two (2) members representing the Kentucky Academy of Science, one (1) each from the disciplines of biology and anthropology, who shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of four (4) nominees, two (2) from each discipline, submitted by the Kentucky Academy of Science.
- (3) The director of the Kentucky Natural History Museum shall serve as an ex officio member of the board of directors, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum for conducting business, and be entitled to participate in deliberations of the board, but shall not be entitled to vote when official actions are taken by the board.
- (4) The first chair of the Kentucky Natural History Museum Board of Directors shall be the executive director of the Kentucky Historical Society, who shall call the first meeting of the board. At the first meeting, the board shall elect a chair. Each chair elected by the board shall serve a single term of three (3) years.
- (5) The Kentucky Academy of Science's appointees shall serve three (3) year terms, and they may be reappointed for a second term.
- (6) Nominees for appointment to the board shall have resided in Kentucky for at least one (1) year immediately prior to their consideration for appointment.
- (7) The board may request the Governor to replace an appointed member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive board meetings.
- (8) The appointed members of the board shall serve without pay but shall be paid for

expenses directly related to attending board meetings and to performing board authorized activities.

- (9) The board shall meet at least four (4) times a year.

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