

70.261 Adoption of rules -- Certified copies -- Subjects addressed -- Issuance of additional rules -- Repeal or amendment of existing rules.

- (1) When a county creates a deputy sheriff merit board, the board shall issue, and publish within forty-eight (48) hours after their adoption, rules that are not inconsistent with the provisions of KRS 70.260 to 70.273. The board shall provide a certified copy of the rules to:
 - (a) The sheriff of the county who shall additionally post a copy in a conspicuous place in the main office and in any branch offices where deputies are regularly assigned to work from;
 - (b) The county judge/executive of the county; and
 - (c) The legislative body of the county.
- (2) The board shall, at a minimum, adopt a body of rules that addresses the following subjects:
 - (a) For deputy sheriffs:
 1. Qualifications for initial and continued employment, which shall at a minimum include: citizenship, age, physical, mental, and educational requirements;
 2. Grounds for temporary appointments;
 3. Advancement requirements. Deputy sheriffs shall be employed for at least three (3) full years before being eligible for the rank of sergeant;
 4. Factors that shall, or may, result in demotion, the procedures for determining whether or not to demote a deputy, and the procedures for executing a demotion;
 5. Factors that shall, or may, result in fining, probation, suspension, or removal; and
 6. Administrative procedures for the deputies in the office such as transfer, lay-off, and reinstatement.
 - (b) For the general administration of the board itself:
 1. Organizational structure and conduct of meetings;
 2. Procedure and conduct of public hearings as a result of the board's actions; and
 3. Implementation and execution of written and oral examinations, and physical tests of fitness for appointment and promotion of deputies.
- (3) The subsequent issuance of additional rules, or of the repeal or amendment of existing rules shall follow the provisions indicated in subsection (1) of this section.

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