

**224.10-022 Office of the Secretary -- Major organization units -- Executive directors and general counsels -- Appointments.**

There is established in the Office of the Secretary an Office of Administrative Hearings, an Office of Communication, and an Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Each of these offices shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.050. There is also established in the Office of the Secretary an Office of Legal Services, headed by an executive director appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor in accordance with KRS 12.050 and 12.210. The executive directors shall be directly responsible to the secretary and shall perform the functions, powers, and duties as provided by law and as prescribed by the secretary. There is established in the Office of Legal Services a Legal Division I and Legal Division II. Each of these divisions shall be headed by a general counsel appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor in accordance with KRS 12.050 and 12.210. The general counsels shall be directly responsible to the executive director of the Office of Legal Services and shall perform the functions, powers, and duties as provided by law and as prescribed by the executive director. The Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor in accordance with KRS 12.050, and the Mine Safety Review Commission, whose members shall be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the General Assembly, shall be attached to the Office of the Secretary. The Kentucky Public Service Commission, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the commission in accordance with KRS 278.100, shall be attached to the Office of the Secretary for administrative purposes.

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