

# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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## Legislative Advocacy Sheet

[legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov)

### Steps for tracking bills of interest:

1. Go to the lrc.ky.gov website (click provided previously)



2. Click on the "Bills" tab on the homepage
3. Click on "2020 Regular Session"



#### 4. Choose the chamber:

- HB for House Bills
- SB for Senate Bills

The screenshot shows the Kentucky General Assembly website. On the left, there is a navigation menu for the 2020 Regular Session Record, categorized by chamber (Senate and House) and type of action (e.g., Passed One House, Record Documents). The main content area displays a list of House Bills, with a search bar at the top right and navigation tabs for Legislators, Committees, Bills, Kentucky Law, Public Services, Legislative Research Commission, and Visitors & Education.

#### 5. Once you have located the bill of interest:

- Look in the “Last Action” section to see the latest events related to the bill

The screenshot shows the details for House Bill 27. The title is "AN ACT relating to state symbols." The bill is currently in the "Current" stage. Sponsors listed include K. Bratcher, T. Bojanowski, T. Branham Clark, G. Brown Jr., T. Burch, J. DuPlessis, C. Freeland, A. Gentry, J. Gravis, J. Jenkins, N. Kulkarni, M. Marzian, C. Massey, J. Miller, M. Prunty, S. Sheldon, J. Sims Jr., M. Sorolis, C. Stevenson, A. Tackett Laferty, W. Thomas, and S. Westrom. The summary states: "Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to name and designate as the official pets of Kentucky domestic cats and dogs that reside in or have been adopted from Kentucky animal shelters or rescue organizations." The index headings are "State Symbols and Emblems - Shelter pets, official pets of Kentucky, name and designate", "Animals, Livestock, and Poultry - Shelter pets, official pets of Kentucky, name and designate", and "Dogs - Shelter pets, official pets of Kentucky, name and designate".

- If the bill is in a committee, use the “Committees” tab at the top of the page to find the specific committee. The bill above is in the Senate State and Local Government Committee so locate this committee in the “Senate Standing Committees” page.

The screenshot shows the "Senate Standing Committees" page. It lists the following committees:

- Agriculture (S)
- Appropriations & Revenue (S)
  - BR Sub. on Econ Dev. & Tourism, Nat. Res. & Envir. Prot. (S)
  - BR Sub. on Education (S)
  - BR Sub. on Gen. Govt., Finance & Public Protection (S)
  - BR Sub. on Human Resources (S)
  - BR Sub. on Justice & Judiciary (S)
  - BR Sub. on Transportation (S)
- Banking & Insurance (S)
- Committee on Committees (S)
- Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor (S)

- Click on the committee to view its members.

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election offenses and prosecutions, voting machines, absent ballots; the officers, organization, government, and financing of county and city governments; urban-county governments generally; county and city imposed taxes and licenses; special purpose assessment and taxing districts within a city; financing of local government improvements; issuance of bonds for county, city, and special district projects; local government indebtedness generally; compensation of county and city officers and employees; the imposition of duties and costs on local governments; interlocal government cooperation and consolidation of services; local government employees civil service and retirement; powers, duties, and composition of fiscal courts and municipal legislative bodies; the offices of county judge/executive, magistrate, county attorney, sheriff, constable, jailer, coroner, surveyor, and county clerk; forms of local government; incorporation and classification of cities; housing projects; urban renewal and redevelopment; planning and zoning; annexation of territory; public works, parks and playgrounds; police and fire departments and their retirement systems; county roads; city streets and sidewalks; local government utilities and waterworks; acquisition of waterworks and water districts by local governments; sewers; metropolitan sewer and sanitation districts; public road districts; water districts; fire protection districts; drainage districts and local flood control and water usage; local air pollution control districts; urban service districts; and special districts not assigned to another committee.

### Legislative Members

Will Schroder - (S) - Chair  
 Robby Mills - (S) - Vice Chair  
 Ralph Alvarado - (S)  
 Denise Harper Angel - (S)  
 Stan Humphries - (S)  
 Christian McDaniel - (S)  
 Morgan McGarvey - (S)  
 Michael J. Nemes - (S)  
 Albert Robinson - (S)  
 Damon Thayer - (S)  
 Johnny Ray Turner - (S)

- From here, click on individual legislators to see their party affiliation and sponsored bills. This is how you can decide which legislators to ask to support your bill. For example, for this bill it would be important to ask Senator Nemes, Humphries, McDaniel, Alvarado and Thayer to **“please hear HB27 and have it favorably reported out of committee”** because they are Republican members of this committee.
- Call the LRC Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 to leave a message in support or opposition to a bill.

## Tips for Effective Advocacy:

1. When speaking with legislators, keep these tips in mind:
  - Allow extra time to get through the security line, to not put legislators behind.
  - Know your bill number! (<https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislation/Pages/default.aspx>)
  - Use the LRC website to find the committee in which your bills reside (<https://legislature.ky.gov/Committees/Pages/default.aspx>) by following the steps above.
  - Locate committee chairs by clicking on the relevant committee on the “Committees” page. Committee chairs are listed first, these are the key gatekeepers of your bill. Your “ask” of committee chairs is to **“please hear HB\_\_ and have it favorably reported out of committee”**.
    - Find members who are not co-sponsoring your bill to speak with. Set up meetings with these legislators and ask them to **“please hear HB\_\_ and have it favorably reported out of committee”**.

# / Committees / Committee

## House Standing Committees

The General Assembly meets in regular session 60 days in even-numbered years, and 30 days in odd-numbered years. To provide an efficient way of deliberating the many issues under consideration, each chamber is organized into standing committees which concentrate on specific topics, such as Education or Transportation. The jurisdiction of each committee is detailed in the House Rules, which are adopted at the beginning of each session. Standing committees, which usually number between 12 and 15 for each chamber, meet only during a session, and all proposed legislation must move through them.

- Agriculture (H)
- Appropriations & Revenue (H)
  - BR Sub. on Econ. Dev., Public Pro., Tour., and Energy (H)
  - BR Sub. on General Government (H)
  - BR Sub. on Health & Family Services (H)
  - BR Sub. on Justice, Public Safety, & Judiciary (H)
  - BR Sub. on Personnel, Public Retirement, & Finance (H)
  - BR Sub. on Postsecondary Education (H)
  - BR Sub. on Primary & Secondary Ed & Workforce Dev (H)
  - BR Sub. on Transportation (H)
- Banking & Insurance (H)
- Committee on Committees (H)

## House Standing Committee Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

### Jurisdiction

Matters pertaining to the proposing of constitutional amendments and the calling of a constitutional convention; ratification of amendments to the United States Constitution; the election of officers to state, local and school board positions; election commissioners, officers and precincts; qualifications, registration and purging of voters; regular elections; primary elections, presidential and congressional elections, special elections to fill vacancies; contest of elections; corrupt practices and election financing; election offenses and prosecutions; voting machines; absentee ballots; intergovernmental cooperation; state-federal relations; interstate compacts.

### Legislative Members

Kevin D. Bratcher - (H) - Chair  
 Scott Lewis - (H) - Vice Chair  
 John Blanton - (H)  
 McKenzie Cantrell - (H)  
 Jeffery Donohue - (H)  
 Joseph M. Fischer - (H)  
 Samara Heavrin - (H)  
 Jeff Hoover - (H)  
 Joni L. Jenkins - (H)  
 Matthew Koch - (H)  
 Derek Lewis - (H)  
 Mary Lou Marzian - (H)  
 Darnell Moore - (H)

Legislative Calendar

**Staff**

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- Come prepared with key bullet points of support reasons and keep your “ask” short.
- 2. Be able to fit your organization’s name, mission, and your “ask” on the front and back of a business card that you can hand to legislators
  - Include a contact name
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - Small pieces of tangible information to leave behind are most effective during the session.
- 3. Best times to visit legislators is:
  - When they’re not in session and at home in their district
  - When in session:
    - Early and often
    - Call and email your message
      - Ask your supporters to do the same
      - Use social media to support you