

**171.800 Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission -- Members -- Officers -- Meetings -- Funding -- Program established.**

- (1) The Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission is hereby established to perform the functions specified in KRS 171.805.
- (2) The membership of the commission shall consist of three (3) ex officio members and seventeen (17) members who derive from geographically diverse areas of the state and who represent various heritage interests as follows:
  - (a) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, or the secretary's designee to serve ex officio;
  - (b) The president of Kentucky State University, or the president's designee to serve ex officio;
  - (c) The director of the Kentucky Heritage Council, or the director's designee to serve ex officio;
  - (d) Four (4) members from institutions of higher education;
  - (e) One (1) member from the preservation community;
  - (f) One (1) member from the arts community; and
  - (g) Eleven (11) members from the public-at-large.
- (3) Appointed members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for terms of four (4) years. Any vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (4) Commission members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- (5) From the commission membership, the Governor shall appoint a chairman and a vice chairman of the commission. The commission may elect by majority vote other officers deemed necessary.
- (6) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman, but not less often than three times during each calendar year. A majority of the members appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum.
- (7) The commission shall be attached to the Kentucky Heritage Council for administrative purposes.
- (8) The commission may accept grants or raise funds from any available source, public or private, to accomplish its duties and responsibilities. Committees may be formed at the discretion of the chairman.
- (9) The African-American Heritage Program is established as a branch within the Kentucky Heritage Division, whose responsibilities shall include providing staff services needed to perform its duties under KRS 171.805.

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**History:** Amended 2009 Ky. Acts ch. 16, sec. 47, effective June 25, 2009. -- Created 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 241, sec. 2, effective July 15, 1996.

**Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005).** 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to

agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.