

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION reauthorizing the Land Stewardship and Conservation Task Force.

WHEREAS, the Land Stewardship and Conservation Task Force was created by the 2006 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the task force met three times in 2007 and studied the strategies that Kentucky and other states have utilized for protection of unique natural areas, farmlands, habitats and forests; and

WHEREAS, the task force has produced findings and possible courses of action in regard to the creation of a land stewardship program for Kentucky, and needs additional time to complete its work;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The Land Stewardship and Conservation Task Force is hereby reauthorized and its membership reappointed.

➔Section 2. The task force shall be composed of the following members: one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; the secretary of the Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection or the secretary's designee; and one member from each of the following organizations and agencies, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives: the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund, the Kentucky Conservation Committee, the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, the Kentucky Resources Council, the Sierra Club, the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, the Kentucky League of Cities; and one member of each of the following organizations and agencies to be appointed by the President of the Senate: the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, the Kentucky PACE program, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the Kentucky Woodland Owners

Association, the Kentucky Farm Bureau, the Kentucky Home Builders Association, the Kentucky Department of Parks, and the Kentucky Association of Counties. Four at-large members shall be appointed by the Governor.

➔Section 3. Final membership of the task force is subject to the consideration and approval of the Legislative Research Commission.

➔Section 4. The task force shall serve for a period of two years and meet no fewer than six times or until its tasks have been completed.

➔Section 5. The task force shall produce a legislative proposal for the creation of a Land Stewardship Coordinating Committee to be the focal point for all land and property rights acquisitions in the Commonwealth in regard to conservation, recreation and preservation properties. This proposal shall be ready for consideration by the 2009 General Assembly.

➔Section 6. The task force, shall produce legislative proposals relating to the funding, assessment, prioritizing and acquisition of conservation, recreation and preservation properties in the Commonwealth. These proposals shall be ready for consideration by the 2010 General Assembly.

➔Section 7. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.