

have been eliminated with online registration. It is unknown how many of the approximately 40,000 people per year either registering to vote or updating their registration information by completing a paper form would have done so via an electronic voter registration system.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

Assuming that the SBE absorbs the costs of establishing an electronic voter registration system, the costs and savings to county governments with HB 214 GA would be minimal (savings to localities would be greater in states with lower levels of automated data integration between the DMV and VRS). Due to the low number of individuals in Kentucky currently either registering to vote or updating their registration information by completing a paper form and the possibility that many will continue to do so after the electronic voter registration system is implemented, as well as the necessity for county clerks to print and validate the data submitted online, the County Clerks Association anticipates minimal savings. Any savings would vary across counties, depending upon the number of those switching from completing a paper form to using the electronic voter registration system.

Data Source(s): Kentucky State Board of Elections (SBE), Kentucky County Clerks Association, National Conference of State Legislators

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