



average over the past five years) new voter registrations and registration updates that may 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.

#### **In-Person Absentee Voting**

HB 334 amends KRS 117.075 and 117.085 to add voters who; due to age, disability, or illness, are unable to appear at the polls on election day to the list of those eligible to vote in-person (KRS 117.085(1)(e)) on a voting machine in the county clerk's office, or other place designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections, at any time during normal business hours on those days in-person absentee voting is conducted in the county clerk's office.

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

#### **Electronic Voter Registration System**

**Assuming that the SBE absorbs the costs of establishing an electronic voter registration system, the costs and savings to county governments with HB 334 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.

#### **In-Person Absentee Voting**

**A minimal to moderate impact is possible (greater for counties using paper ballots), depending upon the number of people who decide to vote in-person.**

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

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