

Applying an inflationary factor to determine the savings starting in calendar year 2023 (first year in which the primary and general elections would be eliminated under this legislation) may be inappropriate given population shifts, potential advances in voting technology (on-line voting), and changes in the state reimbursement rate and in the compensation to poll workers (currently set by counties with a minimum of \$10 for one mandatory training session and a minimum of \$60 for election day).

The costs of HB 46 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal. According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties, there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election. For example, the cost to add a new category to the ballot for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, with 291 precincts, is estimated to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost is estimated to be between \$1,250 and \$2,000.

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