Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2016 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: <u>34</u>	9				
Bill #: HB 325					
Bill Subject/Title:	An ACT relating to supervision of public documents and records and making an appropriation therefor.				
Sponsor: Rep. Der	nnis Keene				
Unit of Government:	CityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment				
Office(s) Impacted:	county clerks				
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional					
Effect on Powers & Duties:	x Modifies Existing Adds New x Eliminates Existing				

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 325 removes the majority of functions and associated fees from county clerk offices and places them under the supervision of the Department of Local Government within the Governor's Office. The bill creates 15 **Regional Public Records and Licensing Administrators** (offices) that will be co-extensive with Regional Area Development Districts. These regional offices will provide the majority of services currently provided by county clerks. For convenience, there may also be satellite offices. All fees collected by these Administrators will be remitted to the State Treasury.

County clerks will retain the following duties and corresponding fees: Elections; License plates; Public Notice duties; and Certain other duties (e.g., making & recording notaries, warehouseman licensing)

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

The fiscal impact of HB 325 on counties is indeterminable and will range from minimal to moderate.

Most county clerk personnel will likely migrate to the regional (and regional satellite) offices to continue doing what they presently do. Clerks' employees involved in certain licenses, titles, & elections will remain in county clerk offices. Some personnel will likely retire rather than move, but most would be a "fit" in the new regional (and satellite) offices. Counties and county clerk offices will lose revenue (fees and taxes) associated with the functions transferred to state government. However, offsetting this, administrative and personnel costs will be transferred to the state-funded Regional Public Records and Licensing Administrators offices.

Data Source(s):	Kentucky Department for Local Government; Kentucky Association of				
	Counties; Kentucky League of Cities; Kentucky County Judge Executive				
	Association				

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