

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 174

Bill #: HB 36

Bill Subject/Title: An ACT relating to travel required for certain state employees prior to appointment.

Sponsor: Rep. Kenny Imes

Unit of Government: City x County Urban-County
 Charter County Consolidated Local Unified Local
 Government

Office(s) Impacted: county offices and county clerks' offices in Fulton, Hickman, Pike, Martin, and Letcher counties

Requirement: x Mandatory Optional

Effect on

Powers & Duties: x Modifies Existing x Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 36 requires that cabinet secretaries, deputy secretaries, and commissioners travel to either Fulton or Hickman, and to either Pike, Martin, or Letcher counties prior to their appointment (and every six years thereafter) and obtain a certificate from the respective county clerk's office showing that they have travelled to the county. These appointees will not receive reimbursement for travel expenses nor may they travel on state time.

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

The fiscal impact of HB 36 on the Fulton, Hickman, Pike, Martin, and Letcher County officials and clerks' offices is indeterminable and minimal. It would result in a small increase in administrative work (in each of the affected counties) in order to accommodate and certify visits from dozens of government appointees.

In 2014 there were approximately 68 nonmerit cabinet secretary, deputy secretary, and commissioner positions. These individuals would be traveling to county clerks' offices prior to employment and every six years thereafter.

There will be a large contingent who would need to visit two of these five County Clerks' Offices in the months following the inauguration of a new governor, as a few dozen vacancies in these nonmerit positions are filled at one time during the first year of a term of office.

The beginning and end of each month are times of high volume for the county clerks' offices, and additional business during these periods could have a very small effect on response times for business being conducted in those offices.

Data Source(s): Personnel Cabinet; County clerks' offices (Fulton, Hickman, Pike, Martin, Letcher); Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky County Clerks' Association; Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association

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