

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky Department for Local Government
2 to examine the feasibility of creating an on-line portal for the payment of local
3 occupational license fees and taxes as a complementary system to the current system of
4 their collection, and declaring an emergency.

5 WHEREAS, a thriving economy is vital to the well-being of the Commonwealth;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, small businesses are among the prime engines of economic growth in
8 the Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, small businesses have difficulty remaining in compliance with local
10 taxation ordinances; and

11 WHEREAS, the time and effort would be better spent on growing their businesses
12 and serving their customers; and

13 WHEREAS, local governments need revenue to provide the services and
14 infrastructure necessary for the well-being of their citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, these competing needs of business and government must be
16 harmonized;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

19 ➔Section 1. The Department for Local Government shall:

20 (1) (a) Study the feasibility of creating an on-line portal for businesses to pay
21 local occupational license fees and taxes for any jurisdiction levying such a tax or fee.
22 The entity operating the portal would remit the collected fees and taxes to the correct
23 jurisdiction, if that is found to be a viable option and taking into account any city
24 offsetting tax credits;

25 (b) Identify the requirements for the creation of this portal, to include geographic
26 information requirements, fee and tax rates and updating requirements related thereto,
27 hosting requirements, the administrative structures necessary to oversee the on-line

1 portal, the fiscal resources necessary to create and host the portal, and funding sources for
2 the creation and operation of the portal; and

3 (c) Identify legislative changes that may be necessary for the creation and
4 operation of the portal.

5 (2) The Department for Local Government shall prepare a report that outlines the
6 feasibility for the creation of the portal and resources necessary for the creation the portal.

7 ➔Section 2. The Department for Local Government shall accomplish the
8 directives set out in Section 1 of this Resolution by conferring with the following entities:

- 9 (1) Office of Secretary of State;
- 10 (2) Kentucky Department of Insurance, concerning geographic information and
11 geographic information systems;
- 12 (3) Kentucky Department of Revenue;
- 13 (4) Kentucky League of Cities;
- 14 (5) Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts;
- 15 (6) Kentucky Association of Counties; and
- 16 (7) Any other entity or individual whose involvement is deemed necessary by the
17 Department to accomplish the goals of the study.

18 ➔Section 3. The Department for Local Government shall:

19 (1) No later than July 31, 2019, present a progress report to the Legislative
20 Research Commission, which shall refer the report to the Interim Joint Committee on
21 Appropriations and Revenue and the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government.
22 That report shall include a summary of the department's research it has gathered relative
23 to Section 1 of this Act, as well as providing a planned timeline for the remaining work.
24 The report may include such other information the department deems useful or otherwise
25 informative to the committees; and

26 (2) On or before November 1, 2019, prepare and present to the Legislative
27 Research Commission the report required by subsection (2) of Section 1 of this

1 Resolution. The Legislative Research Commission shall refer that report to the Interim
2 Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Interim Joint Committee on
3 Local Government.

4 ➔Section 4. Whereas, the Department for Local Government will require time to
5 complete the study prior to the report deadlines and the commencement of the 2020
6 Regular Session of the General Assembly, and for any legislative recommendations to be
7 considered prior to that session, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes
8 effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a
9 law.