

The costs of HB 74 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal. Section 256 of the Kentucky Constitution specifies that constitutional amendments are only added to the ballot for the general election in even-numbered years (“next general election for members of the House of Representatives”). Therefore the constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters in November 2020.

According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that in recent years has provided 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 286 precincts, has recently been estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost has been estimated at between \$1,250 and \$2,000.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as drafted and there are not any prior versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky County Clerks Association; Harp Enterprises

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