



**The fiscal impact is indeterminate and will range from minimal to moderate.** The voter preregistration program proposed in HB 101 **creates a new responsibility for county clerks** which could periodically require significant staff time. For an estimated 26 to 28 thousand students statewide **county clerks will need to adopt these forms, distribute them to schools, perhaps providing assistance with filling out the forms, follow up on any incomplete forms, process, record, and store them.** With a new preregistration system, **clerks will likely have to maintain a separate filing system for the preregistered, and then move an individual's preregistration to the registered system** once the individual turns 18.

The extent of the effort required will depend on how many young people choose to preregister and when the bulk of the preregistrations are submitted to the county clerk's office. Although HB 101 will increase county clerk office workload, this work can be done with existing staff and a minimum amount of time or, perhaps, overtime. Frequently, forms completed off site are submitted without a signature or with incomplete information. Processing forms that are not completed at the county clerk's office often require more processing time. When this happens, the clerk's office may spend additional time contacting the applicant by phone or mail in order to complete the application. Also, it could become problematic for the county clerk's office if a large number of preregistrations are submitted near the deadline for voters to be registered to vote in the next election, as this is a peak time for clerks, particularly in the larger counties. Finally, the required **annual report on student registration and pre-registration will likely require County clerks to provide data** required by the report.

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

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky County Clerks Association; LRC staff; Kentucky State Board of Elections; Jefferson County Board of Elections

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