



Section 256 of the Kentucky Constitution specifies that constitutional amendments are only added to the ballot for the general election in even-numbered years. Therefore the constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters in November, 2020.

According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 96 Kentucky counties, the costs would range from \$15 per precinct for larger counties such as Fayette with 291 precincts to \$45 per precinct for counties such as Franklin with 44 precincts. For example, the cost to add a new category to the ballot for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, with 291 precincts, has recently been estimated at between \$3,500 and \$4,500, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost has been estimated at between \$1,700 and \$2,500.

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

**HB 405 GA passed 76-7 with Committee Substitute 1 with no amendments. Thus, the fiscal impact of HB 405 GA is identical to the fiscal impact of HB 405 HCS.**

**HB 405 HCS made no appreciable change to the fiscal impact of HB 405** and retained the original provisions of HB 405 except for removal of provisions changing the terms of Circuit Court Clerks and County Attorneys. HB 405 HCS begins the increase in the term of office for Commonwealth's Attorneys from six years to eight years in 2030; and begins the increase in the term of office for judges of the district court from four years to eight years in 2022.

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

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