



Regional planning commissions may be created to reduce costs, share expenses and to utilize staff expertise another member may not have or be able to afford. It is likely that by adding a third member, the additional benefits of economies of scale may be realized by all members including additional services and cost savings.

Local governments that choose to create a regional planning commission must enact an ordinance to do so. Each participating local government will incur costs associated with the drafting, publication, indexing and recording of adopted ordinances, and at least every five years, review and eliminate redundant, obsolete, inconsistent, and invalid provisions.

**For local governments, it is expected that any financial impact would be minimal to none**, with the only costs being related to enacting an ordinance. According to Kentucky League of Cities, most cities, especially the smaller ones, retain their city attorney on contract and pay on an hourly basis. Time spent drafting an ordinance is influenced by its complexity and the amount of research that is necessary. In FY 2019, the median hourly rate was approximately \$100. Rates for legal notices vary greatly depending on the length of the publication, the number of times it needs to be published and the newspaper in which the publication is placed. Therefore, these costs are unknown.

**The fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminable, but expected to be positive.**

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

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as introduced.

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