



Section 4 amends 81A.510 to conform.

**The overall fiscal impact of this legislation is expected to be minimal and mostly administrative in nature (i.e. staffing, printing and certified postage costs).**

The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) states that since 2010, cities average 130 annexations a year.

This legislation also adds that “adjacent” property owners could have judicial standing to challenge the annexation, thereby increasing the likelihood of cities defending court cases. In defending a court case, cities attorneys are likely to spend many hours researching and defending these cases and legal costs would be quite costly to local governments. According to KLC, most cities, especially the smaller ones, retain their city attorney on contract and pay on an hourly basis. In FY 2020, the average hourly rate was \$107.

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

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

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