



already scheduled statewide election. Ballot printing costs are also a factor in election expenses. If additional pages are needed for the ballot, that would be an additional cost to the county clerk's office. It has been estimated that the cost of one extra page for a ballot is \$0.25. This ballot addition would involve both primary and general elections, doubling the minimal expense.

The creation of a new crime is expected to have a minimal impact on local government. A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 74 full-service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on an average cost to incarcerate of \$44.97 per day. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average cost to incarcerate of \$44.97 per day.

**Data Source(s):** LRC Staff; Kentucky Department of Corrections

**Preparer:** Lauren Graves (JB)      **Reviewer:** KHC      **Date:** 2/7/24