Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1003	**Bill #:**	HB 462 GA
Document ID #:	5688	**Sponsor:**	Rep. Stephanie Dietz
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to the correction of marriage documents.		

Unit of Government: ☐ City ☒ County ☒ Urban-County ☒ Charter County ☒ Consolidated Local ☒ Unified Local

Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks; Local Jails

Requirement: ☐ Mandatory ☒ Optional

Effect on Powers & Duties: ☒ Modifies Existing ☐ Adds New ☐ Eliminates Existing

Other Fiscal Statement(s) that may exist: ☐ Actuarial Analysis ☒ Corrections Impact ☐ Health Benefit Mandate ☐ State Employee Health Plan

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 462 GA would create a new section of KRS Chapter 402 to allow a clerk to correct a marriage application or license that contains errors or omitted information upon receipt of an affidavit executed by both parties to the marriage. Examples of errors include misspellings and incorrect dates.

The bill would also declare that any person who intentionally makes a materially false statement in the affidavit is subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 523.030 (defining perjury in the second degree as Class A misdemeanor).

HB 462 GA is expected to have a minimal but negative fiscal impact on county clerks and local jails.

While the language is permissive, county clerks who agree to make corrections will spend additional time on the task.

Persons who make a materially false statement under HB 462 would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. The costs associated with local jail incarcerations for Class A misdemeanors are described below.

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 $47.43 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 $47.43 per day.

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

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