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1 An act to Institute Online Voter Registration in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: The Kentucky State Board of Elections will establish an online option to allow residents of
6 Kentucky to register for voting by January 1, 2016.

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8 Section 2: Presently, only two options exist for voter registration. A resident may print out a PDF form, in
9 which they can enter the information by writing or typing, and then send the form to the State Board of
10 Elections office. A resident may also register in person at the local County Clerk’s Office. This current process
11 is inefficient and results in needless costs, time consumption, and discouragement for younger voters.

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13 Section 3: Arizona was the first state to establish an online voting registration system in 2002. In the years
14 following, Arizona experienced a massive increase in young voters. Moreover, each paper registration costs
15 roughly \$83, whereas each online registration form costs only \$3.

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17 Section 4: To use online registration, the voter will visit the State Board of Election’s website where the
18 option will be available. The online registration form will require the same information as mail in form or as
19 the County Clerk Office requires. The resident will type in their information in the online registration form,
20 and it will be submitted electronically (in an encrypted format) to the Secretary of State’s office. The Board
21 will then verify the information is correct. The deadline for online registration will match the deadline of the
22 other options.

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24 Section 5: The encrypted format of the data transfer—as with almost all modern electronic data transfer—
25 will ensure protection of the voter’s information. There have been no known security breaches since online
26 registration’s inception.

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28 Section 6: All initial costs—up to \$400,000 maximum—will be covered upfront by the state budget because
29 over a ten year period, there will be a vast net savings because of online registration’s cost effectiveness.