

1 AN ACT relating to identity documents.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Transportation Cabinet shall establish at least one (1) permanent, full-time,*
6 *driver licensing regional office within each Kentucky senatorial district.*

7 *(2) For the purposes of this section, an office shall be considered to be within a*
8 *senatorial district if it is located anywhere in a county which is part of the district,*
9 *whether or not the office is located within the actual boundaries of the district.*

10 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
11 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

12 *(1) As used in the section:*

13 *(a) "Identity document" means an operator's license or personal identification*
14 *card issued under KRS 186.4102, 186.412, 186.4122, or 186.4123; and*

15 *(b) "Third-party entity" includes but is not limited to businesses, nonprofit*
16 *member associations, cities, counties, county clerks, sheriffs, and Circuit*
17 *Court clerks.*

18 *(2) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in*
19 *accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish procedures by which third-party*
20 *entities may apply to the cabinet to serve as an application processor for identity*
21 *documents.*

22 *(3) A third-party entity that wishes to serve as an application processor for identity*
23 *documents under this section shall:*

24 *(a) Apply to the cabinet and receive cabinet approval;*

25 *(b) Agree to comply with all relevant administrative regulations and policies of*
26 *the cabinet;*

27 *(c) Pay the cost of any hardware required to facilitate the application process;*

1 and

2 (d) Collect all required fees under KRS 186.531 and transmit them to the
3 cabinet in a timely fashion.

4 (4) In addition to the fees set forth in KRS 186.531, a third-party entity that processes
5 applications for identity documents under this section may charge a fee for the
6 service provided.

7 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
8 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

9 (1) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall coordinate with the
10 Transportation Cabinet to offer written instruction permit testing in counties that
11 do not have a permanent Transportation Cabinet driver licensing regional office
12 whenever the cabinet visits those counties to offer in-person driver licensing
13 services.

14 (2) In providing written instruction permit testing under subsection (1) of this
15 section, the Department of Kentucky State Police may:

16 (a) Coordinate with public libraries and high schools to use existing facilities to
17 host the testing when possible;

18 (b) Enlist library and school personnel to administer written tests when
19 practical; and

20 (c) Explore technological innovations that allow for proctored testing through
21 web-based applications.

22 (3) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall collect data on testing done under
23 this section and shall, by October 31, 2025, submit a report to the Legislative
24 Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on
25 Transportation, providing information on the number of:

26 (a) Available testing appointments in each county;

27 (b) Applicants served;

- 1 (c) Unclaimed testing slots; and
- 2 (d) Applicants who fail to show up for scheduled appointments.
- 3 ➔ Section 4. Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.