

CHAPTER 8

(HB 221)

AN ACT relating to local option elections.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 242 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Notwithstanding KRS 242.125, when the voters of any precinct located either partially or entirely within a qualifying city make KRS 242.220 to 242.430 apply to the precinct, the provisions of KRS 242.220 to 242.430 shall apply throughout the entire territory of the precinct, except in any area exempted under subsection (2) of this section. For purposes of this section, a "qualifying city" means a city that contains a total population of twelve thousand (12,000) or greater within its municipal boundaries, based on the most recent decennial census.*
- (2) *The provisions of KRS 242.220 to 242.430 shall not apply to any of the following that existed in a precinct prior to the submission of a petition under KRS 242.020 for that precinct:*
 - (a) *An entertainment destination center project meeting the qualifications of KRS 148.853(2)(b);*
 - (b) *A theme restaurant destination attraction project meeting the qualifications of KRS 148.853(2)(c); or*
 - (c) *Within the established boundaries of a district of special interest created by the city pursuant to the provisions of KRS 100.203(1)(e) that:*
 1. *Is designated as an entertainment district; and*
 2. *Has a minimum direct investment by the city government in infrastructure or other public space of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000).*
- (3) *The boundaries of a district of special interest meeting the qualifications of subsection (2)(c) of this section shall not be enlarged or modified to include any additional territory at any time after the submission of a petition under KRS 242.020 unless the voters of the precinct do not make KRS 242.220 to 242.430 apply to the precinct.*

Signed by Governor March 14, 2013.