

**Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
2015 Regular Session**

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1151

Bill #: HB 296

Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to elections

Sponsor: Representative Darryl T. Owens

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

Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

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

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 296 amends KRS 117.315, requiring the State Board of Elections (SBE) to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the training of challengers and deleting the word “certified” with reference to challengers.

HB 296 modifies KRS 424.290, removing the requirement of publishing entire ballots in newspapers before elections. Instead, only the names and parties of each candidate, any issues to be voted upon, and the internet address of the county clerk’s website where further information may be found would need to be published.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

The savings to county governments with HB 296 are projected to be substantial statewide, particularly with rising overall print advertisement rates. In Jefferson County, ballot advertising costs for a general election are anticipated to decline from approximately \$115,000 to around \$25,000.

Data Source(s): Kentucky County Clerks Association, Jefferson County Clerk's Office

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