



election and provides associated timelines. If the date of the local option election is stated in the petition as a day other than the day a primary or general election is held, then the petitioners, rather than the county, must pay the election costs.

HB 373 HCS amends only KRS 242.060; therefore, local option elections would still be prohibited on the same day as a primary or general election. However, the petitioners rather than the counties would be responsible for the costs of local option elections.

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

*With the average cost to counties conducting an election of \$2,000 per precinct; the savings to counties with the petitioners incurring the costs could range from minimal to significant, depending upon the composition of the territory (may range from one precinct to the entire county) and the number of territories within a county requesting local option elections per annum.*

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