Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2016 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1451
Bill #: HB 343 GA
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to fire protection services.
Sponsor: Representative Mike B. Denham
Unit of Government:XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment
Office(s) Impacted: Fire
Requirement: <u>X</u> Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing X Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 343 amends KRS 75.010 to precisely establish the territory encompassed by a fire protection district or volunteer fire department district.

HB 343 amends KRS 75.020 to require written agreements to be entered into when a fire district wishes to expand territory into an area outside the boundaries of a city that is providing fire service to that area; to prohibit expansion of one fire district into the territory of another fire district, and to ensure that boundary maps are filed and updated pursuant to law when boundaries are modified.

HB 343 amends 75.022 to establish when a city not having a regular fire department may assume fire protection services of annexed territories.

HB 343 amends KRS 273.401 to require written approval of the governing body of the city or district before a nonprofit fire department can add subscriber fees or charges to territory within a city or within the boundaries of a KRS chapter 75 fire district.

HB 343 creates a new section of Chapter 95A to establish dissolution protocols for KRS Chapter 75 fire districts that may be initiated in the absence of a KRS 65.166 petition.

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

The Kentucky League of Cities said **HB 343 should have no fiscal impact on cities** since HB 343 allows cities to keep their own fire departments if a fire district is created around them unless an agreement is in place to include the city.

Data Source(s): <u>LRC Staff, Kentucky League of Cities.</u>

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