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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 334	
Bill #: HB 60	
Bill Subject/Title:	AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 91, 93, and 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the Commissioner of Education.
Sponsor: Representative Kenny C. Imes	
Unit of Government:	City X County X Urban-County Unified Local
	X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted:	County Clerk
Requirement: X	_ Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing X Adds New Eliminates Existing	
Part II: Purpose and Mechanics	

HB 60 proposes to amend the Constitution of Kentucky to include the Commissioner of Education in the list of constitutional officers to be elected at the same time the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected. HB 60 further provides that no reference to political affiliation shall be made in the certification of candidates for Commissioner of Education. Whereas this would be a constitutional amendment, it would have to be put on the ballot in order to be voted on.

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

The costs of HB 60 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal.

While counties would incur additional programming costs due to adding a new category to the ballot for a primary or general election, the amounts are minimal. According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties, the increase in costs would range from \$14 per precinct for larger counties such as Fayette with 291 precincts to \$45 per precinct for counties such as Franklin with 44 precincts.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Harp Enterprise, Kentucky State Board of Election

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