Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2017 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1061						
Bill #: HB 313						
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to elections.						
Sponsor: Osborne						
Unit of Government:xCityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment						
Office(s) Impacted: county clerks						
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional						
Effect on Powers & Duties: <u>x</u> Modifies Existing <u>x</u> Adds New Eliminates Existing						

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 313 amends KRS 242.020 to prohibit changing a petition for a local option election once it has been filed; establishes petition requirements for a local option election (to include signatures and **legibly printed names**), and permits the local option question to be placed on the ballot for the next primary or regular election held in that territory

The bill amends KRS 242.030 to require a local option election to be held on the same day as a primary or regular election, requires a local option election to be held in any territory less than a county on the same day as an election day for the entire county, and establishes dates by which a petition for a local option election must be filed.

HB 313 amends KRS 242.040 to remove the requirement for sheriffs to advertise the election in the newspaper and requires the order for an election to be posted no later than two weeks before the election.

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

The fiscal impact of HB 313 is indeterminate and could range from minimal to moderate. There will be savings incurred as a consequence of combining a local option election with a primary or regular election. Statewide, the cost of an election (primary or regular) averages between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per precinct.

On the other hand, there could be some limitation on the (potential) collection of taxes were a local option election petition to be filed several months, or up to one year, before the next state-wide primary/general election.

Data Source(s):	LRC Staff, Kentucky County Clerk's Association; Harp Enterprises;				
	Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky League of Cities				

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