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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1594
Bill #: HB 386
Bill Subject/Title:AN ACT relating to election districts.
Sponsor: Representative James Kay
Unit of Government:XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX_ Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 386 establishes the Legislative Advisory Reapportionment and Redistricting Commission (LARRC).

Beginning in 2020 and every ten years thereafter, the names of candidates wanting to fill the six elected positions from the congressional districts shall be placed on the ballot identified as *"Ballot for the Legislative Advisory Reapportionment and Redistricting Commission."* The term of office of members starts on January 1 of the year succeeding their election. No reference to party affiliation shall be made. The President of the Senate or Speaker of the House shall appoint a new member to fill any vacancy which may occur between election cycles.

Appointed or elected member of the commission shall hold office for a term of four years. (*The members work obligation should be complete within the four (4) years they are elected/appointed. The remaining six (6) years, before the next ten (10) year mark, is a period of time the members are not needed, and thus, are absent from the Commission in those latter six (6) years.*)

The commission duties include developing a proposal for the reapportionment and redistricting of state legislative districts, congressional districts, and Kentucky's Supreme Court district.

Reapportionment and redistricting shall be based on population and shall divide the state into:

- 38 state senatorial districts and 100 state representative districts;
- Seven Supreme Court Districts; and
- Congressional districts.

The standard for creating districts for legislative districts shall be in accordance to Section 33 of the state Constitution. The standard for creating congressional districts shall be in accordance with the U.S. Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and 52 U.S.C. secs. 10301 to 10314. The Standard for creating Supreme Court districts shall be in accordance to Section 110 of the state Constitution.

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

The fiscal impact of HB 386 on local governments, specifically duties of the county clerk, is expected to be minimal in regards to adding a new category to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election.

According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties, there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election. For example, the cost to add a new category to the ballot for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, with 291 precincts, is estimated to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost is estimated to be between \$1,250 and \$2,000.

Data Source(s): <u>LRC Staff, Harp Enterprises</u>

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