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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1124		
Bill #: HB 398		
Bill Subject/Title:	An ACT relating to public financing of political campaigns and making an appropriation therefor.	
Sponsor: Representative Jim Wayne		
Unit of Government:	CityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment	
Office(s) Impacted:	County clerks	
Requirement: <u>x</u>	Mandatory Optional	
Effect on Powers & Duties:	x Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing	

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 398 creates a system of public campaign financing. The bill provides for voters to receive (public) "campaign finance credits" to be used to fund the campaigns of persons designated (by the voter) who are candidates for public office.

County clerks will be required to give the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance "access to the voter registration lists and other information necessary for the purposes of verification" of voters eligible to receive and expend the campaign finance credits.

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

The fiscal impact of HB 398 is indeterminate and likely minimal. There will be embedded time and effort costs associated with providing the Registry of Election Finance with access to voter registration lists and "other information necessary for the purposes of verification". There could be minimal unforeseen time and effort costs associated with ensuring that the voter list information provided adequately ensures that registered voters receive the finance credits for which they are eligible. Also the bill provides that county clerks will be responsible for giving the Registry access to "other information for the purposes of verification". Costs associated with providing this "other information" are indeterminate, but likely minimal.

 Data Source(s):
 Kentucky County Clerks Association

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