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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 429								
Bill #: SB 145 GA								
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to elections.								
Sponsor: Senator Jimmy C. Higdon								
Unit of Government:	X 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:	_ Modifies Existing _ X Adds New Eliminates Existing							

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

Section 1 and 2:

Provides for two classes of absentee voting: mail-in absentee voting and in-person absentee voting. The requirements for mail-in absentee and in-person absentee voting mirror current requirements with the following additions:

Language has been added regarding the qualifications for in-person voting and now requires that a person has not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction and who, on account of age, disability, or illness, are not able to appear at the polls on Election Day.

Section 3:

Provides requirements for local option elections, most of which mirror current regulations, but with the following additions:

The petition may not be added to once it has been filed with the county clerk. The petition must contain the signature and legibly printed name of the voter.

Section 4:

In order for a local option election to be held on the day of a primary, the petition shall be filed no earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the primary, and no later than the last Tuesday in January preceding the primary. In order for the local option election to be held on the day of a regular election, the petition must be filed no later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the regular election.

Section 5:

The question on the local option election must be published no later than two weeks before the local option election.

Section 6:

The requirements related to the promotion of tourism in dry or moist counties or cities are expanded to include urban-county, charter county, consolidated local government, and unified local government.

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

The fiscal impact of SB 145 GA on local governments is expected to be minimal.

All the procedures and framework needed to implement SB 145 GA are currently in place.

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