Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2018 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 67			
Bill #: HB 43			
Document ID #: 374	4		
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to appellate judges.			
Sponsor: Rep. Jason	n Nemes		
Unit of Government:	City	x County	<u>x</u> Urban-County Unified Local
	x Charter County	x Consolidated Local	<u>x</u> Government
Office(s) Impacted:	County clerks		
Requirement: <u>x</u>	Mandatory Op	tional	
Effect on Powers & Duties: x	Modifies Existing	<u>x</u> Adds New E	liminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 43 defines "retention election" for appellate judges, and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 118A to create an election process for retaining appointed appellate judges (following the ratification of a constitutional amendment providing for appointment of appellate judges). The Act makes various KRS conforming amendments and amends KRS 21A.020 to set staggered terms for appellate judges. Contingent upon ratification of a constitutional amendment providing for appointment of appellant judges, the Act is effective January 1, 2020.

The costs of retention election questions, and the costs of a Constitutional amendment ballot question, will be minimal. Regarding voting on the initial required Constitutional Amendment and on subsequent "voting on the question" of whether or not to retain a specific appointed judge or justice, according to Harp Enterprises (a vendor recently providing electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties), there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on a scheduled statewide election. According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting

machines to 97 Kentucky counties, the costs would range from \$14 per precinct for larger counties such as Fayette with 291 precincts (\$4,074) to \$45 per precinct for counties such as Franklin with 44 precincts (\$1,980).

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as introduced and there are not any prior introduced versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

Data Source(s): <u>Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky County Clerks Association;</u>

Harp Enterprises

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