Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2018 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 809
Bill #: HB 98
Document ID #: 1175
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to consolidated local governments.
Sponsor: Representative McKenzie L. Cantrell
Unit of Government: City County Urban-County Unified Local
Charter County X Consolidated Local Government
Office(s) Impacted:
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: x Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

HB 98 would amend KRS 67C.103 to require a special election be held in the event of a vacancy on a consolidated local government council. Current law allows the consolidated local government council to hold a vote to elect a qualified resident or for the mayor to appoint a qualified resident to serve the unexpired term.

Louisville-Jefferson County is the only consolidated local government in Kentucky and HB 98 would apply only to Louisville Metro Council and the Jefferson County Clerk's Office. The Jefferson County Clerk's Election Center provides for the administration of all Kentucky laws relative to voter registration and all elections in Jefferson County, including special elections.

The Jefferson County Clerk's Election Center performed an evaluation of estimated costs of a special election to fill a vacancy on the Louisville Metro Council. The approximate cost of a special election for a Metro Council District seat in Jefferson County is \$39,300.

This analysis was performed on Metro Council District 19 which includes 23 precincts, 12 polling locations, and 29,678 voters.

Below is a breakdown of those expenses:

Election Officers: \$28,400.00
Precinct Ballots: 7,500.00
Absentee (On-Demand): 500.00
Area Supervisors: 400.00
Postage: 500.00
Supplies/Misc: 2,000.00
\$39,300.00

These totals do not include personnel expenses, overtime, or occupancy expenses ("occupancy expenses" refers to any expense for facilities used to store equipment or to host an election).

HB 98 additionally would allow for the consolidated local government council the authority to reimburse the county clerk for the costs of this special election, in whole or in part. However; the cost of the special election would still have a moderate impact on consolidated local government expenditures.

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

Part II pertains to the bill as introduced and there are no prior introduced versions of the bill.

Data Source(s): <u>Jefferson County Clerk's office; LRC staff</u>

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