## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2018 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 1744
Bill #: SB 165
Document ID #: 4764
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to elections of members of the General Assembly.
Sponsor: Sen. Stephen Meredith
Unit of Government:  City  x  County  Unified Local  x  Charter County  x  Consolidated Local  x  Government
Office(s) Impacted: County clerks
Requirement:x _ Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

SB 165 proposes to amend Sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution of Kentucky to increase the number of years in a term for a Senator from four to six years and to increase the number of years in a term for a Representative from two to four years, beginning with the regular election in November 2020. These amendments are to be submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval.

## The costs of a Constitutional amendment ballot question will be minimal.

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).

Also, while this measure would not reduce the number of regular elections held, the provisions of SB 165 would reduce the frequency of elections for members of the General Assembly, resulting in an indeterminate potential reduction in overall costs associated with elections.

## 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):** Harp Enterprises; Kentucky Association of County Clerks, Kentucky

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