

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1871

Bill #: SB 266

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Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to persons entitled to vote.

Sponsor: Senator Gerald Neal

Unit of Government: City County Urban-County
Unified Local
 Charter County Consolidated Local Government

Office(s) Impacted: County clerks

Requirement: 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 266 proposes to amend Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky to allow persons convicted of certain felonies the right to vote as provided by the General Assembly and submit to voters with the question, “Excluding persons committing treason, bribery involving elections, a sex offense, a violent offense, an offense against a child, or an offense punishable by more than five years’ incarceration, are you in favor of granting the General Assembly the authority to establish standards for giving persons convicted of certain felonies the right to vote?”.

The fiscal Impact of SB 266 is minimal. Regarding voting on the constitutional amendment, 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, 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): Kentucky Association of County Clerks; Harp Enterprises

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