Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2019 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 143	
Bill #: HB 236	
Document ID #: 230	
Bill Subject/Title:	AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the qualifications of members of the General Assembly.
Sponsor: Representative Joni Jenkins	
Unit of Government:	xCityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment
Office(s) Impacted:	County clerks
Requirement: <u>x</u>	_ Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:	x Modifies Existing x Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

HB 236 reduces the minimum age of eligibility to hold office as a state Representative from 24 to 18, and reduces the age of eligibility to hold office as a state Senator from 30 to 21. The Act provides that a Constitutional amendment be submitted to voters stating "Are you in favor of changing the minimum age requirement for a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives to 18 and for a member of the Kentucky Senate to 21?"

The fiscal impact of HB 236 will be minimal. Regarding a vote to ratify or reject the Constitutional amendment, 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, recent costs would range from \$14 per precinct for larger counties such as Fayette with 286 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 County Clerks Association; Kentucky Association of Counties; Fayette County Clerk