

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
2019 Regular Session**

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 161 R1

Bill #: HB 495

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Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to elections.

Sponsor: Representative Rocky J. Adkins

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**

HB 495 provides that any candidate for the General Assembly may request a recount of votes by filing a petition with the Circuit Court of the county where the requesting candidate resides within 10 days after the election. A request for a recount in any election of a member of the General Assembly shall not be grounds for filing an election contest, and only recounts as provided for in KRS 120.185 shall be authorized or undertaken at any time in any contest proceeding.

Fiscal impact of HB 495 on local governments is expected to be minimal.

HB 495 does not require an automatic recount. It just allows a member of the General Assembly to request a recount. Most procedures don't change, so it will not be a major impact for the county clerks.

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

Part II pertains to HB 495 as introduced. There are no prior versions of this bill.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff; Kentucky County Clerks Association

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