Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2019 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 264						
Bill #: HB 74						
Document ID #:						
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing an amendment to Sections 30, 31, and 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.						
Sponsor: Rep. Dean A. Schamore						
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County unified Local x Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government						
Office(s) Impacted: County clerks						
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 74 proposes to amend Sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution of Kentucky to elect Senators for terms of six years beginning in November 2022, for even-numbered Senatorial districts and beginning in November 2024, for odd-numbered Senatorial districts, and Representatives for terms of four years beginning in November 2022. It proposes to amend Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prevent Senators from serving more than two consecutive six-year terms of office, and prevents Representatives from serving more than three consecutive four-year terms of office, beginning with those elected in November 2022. The Act allows legislators to resume service in the chamber from which they were term-limited after a full term of office has elapsed.

HB 74 provides ballot language describing the above and requires submission to voters for ratification or rejection.

The costs of HB 74 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal. Section 256 of the Kentucky Constitution specifies that constitutional amendments are only added to the ballot for the general election in even-numbered years ("next general election for members of the House of Representatives"). Therefore the constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters in November 2020.

According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that in recent years has provided electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties, there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election. For example, the cost to add a new category to the ballot for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, with 286 precincts, has recently been estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost has been estimated at between \$1,250 and \$2,000.

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

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as drafted and there are not any prior versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

Data Sourc	e(s): <u>Kentucky Associ</u>	s): Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky County Clerks Association;				
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