

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

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 353

**Bill #:** SB 38

**Document ID #:** 692

**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:** Senator Stephen Meredith

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**

**The fiscal impact of SB 38 will be minimal.** SB 38 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.

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 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 drafted and there are not any prior versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

**Data Source(s):** Harp Enterprises; Kentucky Association of County Clerks, Kentucky Association of Counties; LRC staff

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