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

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 810 R1		
Bill #: SB 91		
<b>Document ID #:</b>		
<b>Bill Subject/Title:</b> 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 <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Urban-County Unified Local		
<u>x</u> Charter County <u>x</u> Consolidated Local <u>x</u> Government Office(s) Impacted: County clerks		
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional		
Effect on Powers & Duties: <u>x</u> Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing		

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

SB 91 proposes to amend Section 145 of the Kentucky Constitution to permit those who have been convicted of felonies to vote, unless they were convicted of treason, bribery in an election, **a sex offense**, **a violent offense**, or **an offense against a child**, or of such **felony or** high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage. In summary, the amendment proposes to allow persons convicted of a felony, other than felonies designated by the General Assembly, the right to vote. The amendment is to be submitted to voters for ratification or rejection. The bill does not provide ballot language.

**The fiscal impact of SB 91 is minimal**. 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 introduced and there are not any prior introduced versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

Data Source(s):	Harp Enterprises; Kentucky Association of County Clerks, Kentucky
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