Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 155	
Bill #: HB 163	
Document ID #: 1488	
Bill Subject/Title:	AN ACT proposing an aendment to Seections 30, 31, and 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.
Sponsor: Dean Schamore	
Unit of Government:	CityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment
Office(s) Impacted:	County Clerks
Requirement: x	_ 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 163 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 one full term of office has elapsed. Ballot language is provided for submission to voters for ratification or rejection.

The costs of HB 163 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.

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 most of Kentucky's counties, the costs would range from \$15 per precinct for larger counties such as Fayette with 286 precincts (\$4,004) 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

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

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

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