Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 380	
Bill #: HB 300	
Document ID #: <u>5811</u>	
Bill Subject/Title:	AN ACT proposing an amendment to Sections 110, 111, 117, 119, and 122 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Supreme Court Districts.
Sponsor: C. Ed Massey	
Unit of Government:	CityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment
Office(s) Impacted:	County Clerks
Requirement: <u>x</u>	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 300 proposes to amend Sections 110, 111, 117, 119, and 122 of the Constitution of Kentucky to provide that the Supreme Court districts shall be the same in number and follow the same boundaries as the Congressional districts apportioned to the state and provides that the Chief Justice shall be elected on a statewide basis and shall serve in addition to a Justice elected from each Supreme Court district. The Act provides that Justices of the Supreme Court representing the Supreme Court districts shall be residents of the district from which they seek the office, but shall be elected on a statewide basis. Ballot language is provided for submission to voters for ratification or rejection.

The immediate costs of HB 300 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 drafted.

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

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