Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1316
Bill #: _HB 336 GA
Document ID #:
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to gubernatorial elections.
Sponsor: Representative Joseph M. Fischer
Unit of Government: City X County 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: Modifies ExistingX Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

HB 336 GA establishes a new section of KRS Chapter 118 to provide that a candidate for Governor shall select a Lieutenant Governor running mate. No candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall appear individually on the ballot at a regular election for the office he or she is seeking. The candidate for Governor shall designate his or her running mate file with the Secretary of State no later than 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday in August preceding the regular election. They shall be elected jointly by the casting of a single vote.

If a vacancy occurs in a candidacy for Lt. Governor because of death, disqualification, or a disabling condition, the candidate for the Governor may designate a replacement for the vacant candidate. The designation of a replacement shall be filed with the Secretary of State following certification to the candidate for Governor that a vacancy exists.

If a replacement is made after the ballots are printed, notices shall be posted at each precinct polling place.

HB 366 GA amends the definition of "slate of candidates" to be a candidate for Governor and the candidate's running mate for the office of Lieutenant Governor. (KRS 121.015(9).

The fiscal impact of HB 336 GA on local governments is minimal. County clerks and local boards of election will need to educate themselves on the change and make some minor adjustments in procedures. There might be minimal cost involved in posting replacement candidates for lieutenant governor if the replacement occurs after the ballots are printed.

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

Part II, above, pertains to the GA version. The GA version is the same as the bill as introduced. No amendments or substitutes were adopted when the bill passed its chamber of origin.

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