Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 952
Bill #: _HB 475
Document ID #: 4237
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 181 of the Constitution of kentucky relating to the General Assembly's authority over local revenue optionis.
Sponsor: Representative Michael L. Meredith
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County Unified Local X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks; City and County Governments
Requirement: Mandatory _X_ Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX Adds New Eliminates Existing Port H. Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Polating to Level.

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

HB 475 amends Section 181 of Kentucky's Constitution to permit the General Assembly to authorize a county, city, or other municipal corporation to assess and collect license fees and franchise fees that are not in conflict with this Constitution.

Imposing a fee would require the legislative body of the city or county to adopt a resolution proposing a fee, authorizing a public question, and then submitting the question to the voters at the next regular election. Cities shall follow the requirements of KRS 83A.120 regarding the submission of a public question to the voters.

The fiscal impact of HB 475 on local governments is indeterminable. Although cost associated with submitting a question to the voters is discussed herein, no estimate is provided regarding any revenues received as a result of the license and franchise fees

collected. That is dependent on the fee a local government may assess and the tax base affected.

There will be administrative cost to the county clerk if the question is submitted to the voters. According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 96 Kentucky counties, there would be some additional programming cost to add a local option question to a ballot at the next regular election. For example, the cost to add a new category to the ballot for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, with 291 precincts, has recently been estimated at between \$3,500 and \$4,500, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost has been estimated at between \$1,700 and \$2,500.

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

Part II pertains with HB 475 as introduced.

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