Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 274
Bill #: SB 28
Document ID #: 1724
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to elections of members of the General Assembly.
Sponsor: Senator Stephen Meredith
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: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

The fiscal impact of SB 28 will be minimal. SB 28 proposes to amend Sections 30 and 31 of the Constitution of Kentucky to increase the number of years in a term for a Senator from four to six years and to increase the number of years in a term for a Representative from two to four years, beginning with the regular election in November 2022. These amendments are to be submitted to the voters for approval or disapproval.

According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 96 Kentucky counties, there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide 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, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

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

Association of Counties; LRC Staff

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