## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2021 Regular Session

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 1575						
Bill #: SB 151						
<b>Document ID #:</b> <u>3383</u>						
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to incompatible offices.						
Sponsor: Senator Ralph Alvarado						
Unit of Government:XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment						
Office(s) Impacted: All						
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

SB 151 would amend KRS 61.080 to prohibit a person simultaneously serving as an officer of a county and an employee of a city, or vice versa.

SB 151 in the short term could have a minimal to moderate negative fiscal impact on a local government that currently employs an individual who is also currently serving as a county officer. The individual would need to resign or be terminated from one of the roles. The local government likely would need to replace him or her by appointing a new county officer or by holding an election, or hiring and training a replacement employee.

The one-time costs of replacing an elected official depend on various factors, including the number of election precincts voting and whether the election would occur as part of a regular election cycle or as a special election.

Based on information received in early 2020, Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to almost 100 Kentucky counties, stated 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 286 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.

The costs of hiring and training a new employee are unknown, and would be somewhat dependent on the nature of the employment, whether full- or part-time, and the degree of responsibility of the position.

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

Part II applies to SB 151 as introduced. There is no prior version for comparison.

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