Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2021 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 98							
Bill #: SB 24							
Document ID #: <u>243</u>							
Bill Subject/Title:	AN ACT proposing to amend Section 36 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to time and place of meetings of the General Assembly.						
Sponsor: Senator Chris McDaniel							
Unit of Government:	CityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment						
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

SB 24 would propose to amend the Kentucky Constitution to require the General Assembly to convene if any of the Governor's executive orders declaring a state of emergency exceed 30 days in aggregate in a calendar year and during which the General Assembly is not in session. The subjects during the session would be limited to the executive orders and other directives related to the executive order declaring a state of emergency.

Per Section 256 of the Kentucky Constitution, proposed constitutional amendments are added to the ballot for the general election in even-numbered years. This amendment would be submitted to the voters in November, 2022.

The costs of SB 24 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal. Based on information received in early 2020 from Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to almost 100 Kentucky

counties, there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new constitutional amendment 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, was estimated at between \$3,500 and \$4,500, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost was estimated at between \$1,700 and \$2,500.

There could be additional costs associated with extra paper (if the ballot language requires additional space) for paper ballots and absentee voting. It has been estimated that the cost of one extra page for a single ballot is \$0.25, depending on the county's printing contract. Therefore, the total cost would depend on the number of paper ballots that would need the extra page.

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

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

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