Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2021 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1157
Bill #: SB 82
Document ID #: 2399
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to animal ownership.
Sponsor: Senator Adrienne Southworth
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County Unified Local
<u>x</u> Charter County <u>x</u> Consolidated Local <u>x</u> Government
Office(s) Impacted: All local governments and units of local governments
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:x _ Modifies Existingx _ Adds Newx _ Eliminates Existing

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

SB 82 permits a local government to enact and enforce any ordinance, regulation, or policy concerning dog safety and welfare, so long as that ordinance, regulation, or policy does not regulate ownership of a dog on the basis of its breed or perceived breed and is consistent with state law.

The fiscal impact of SB 82 is indeterminate and minimal. Some local governments may have to change local ordinances (relating to animal control, dog safety, and welfare) in order to conform to the permissions of this legislation. Local governments that choose to create ordinances concerning dog safety and welfare will incur costs associated with the drafting, publication, indexing and recording of adopted ordinances, and at least every five years, review and eliminate redundant, obsolete, inconsistent, and invalid provisions.

According to the Kentucky League of Cities, most cities, especially the smaller ones, retain their city attorney on contract and pay on an hourly basis. Time spent drafting an ordinance is influenced by its complexity and the amount of research that is necessary. In FY 2020,

the average hourly rate was \$107. Rates for legal notices vary greatly depending on the length of the publication, the number of times it needs to be published and the newspaper in which the publication is placed. Therefore, these costs are unknown.

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

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as introduced.

Data Source(s): Kentucky League of Cities; Kentucky Association of Counties

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