## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2022 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 133
Bill #: HB 17
<b>Document ID #:</b> 143
<b>Bill Subject/Title:</b> AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.
Sponsor: Representative Kim Banta
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
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

HB 17 amends Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky to restrict members of the House of Representatives to no more the six elected terms and members of the Senate to no more than four elected terms. In determining eligibility requirements, partial terms of less than two full years as a result of a special election shall not be considered. Conversely, any person elected in a regularly scheduled election and resigns prior to the completion of the term shall be considered to have served the full term in that office.

The costs of HB 17 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 refers to HB 17 as introduced. There are no prior versions of this bill.

**Data Source(s):** <u>LRC Staff, Harp Enterprises</u>

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