Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2022 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 346			
Bill #: _ HB 179 SCS			
Document ID #: 2598			
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to districts of the Supreme Court.			
Sponsor: Representative Jason Nemes			
Unit of Government:	City	X County	X Urban-County Unified Local
	X Charter County	X Consolidated Local	X Government
Office(s) Impacted:	County clerks of coundeclaring an emergence	ities assigned to new Supre	eme Court District and
Requirement: X	Mandatory Opti	onal	
Effect on Powers & Duties: X	Modifies Existing	Adds New E	liminates Existing

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

HB 179 SCS **Section 1** would re-assign numerous counties from their current Supreme Court district to a different district.

Section 2 provides that only for the 2022 primary election, the filing deadline for Supreme Court candidates in the newly redistricted First, Second, or Sixth Supreme Court Districts, and any candidate seeking election to the Supreme Court in the Fourth Supreme Court District, is changed to January 25, 2022. Likewise, any other necessary deadline for the 2022 primary including the drawing for ballot positions and the certification of candidates shall be held at a time provided by the Secretary of State of the county clerk following the January 25 deadline.

Section 3 of the bill declares that, since there are primary and general elections scheduled to occur in 2022, an emergency exists and the bill is effective on its passage and approval by the Governor or on its otherwise becoming law.

The fiscal impact on county clerks of HB 179 SCS is indeterminable but is expected to be minimal.

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

HB 179 SCS keeps the provisions of HB 179 GA with the addition that any candidate seeking election to the Supreme Court in the Fourth Supreme Court District shall have their filing deadline extended to January 25, 2022.

HB 179 GA keeps the provisions of HB 179 as introduced with the following amendments. HFA 1 makes changes to the redistribution of counties in the First and Second Districts. Additionally, and for only the 2022 primary election, HFA 2 changes the filing deadline for Supreme Court candidates in the First, Second, or Sixth Supreme Court Districts to January 25, 2022. It also provides that any other necessary deadline for the 2022 primary including the drawing for ballot positions and the certification of candidates shall be held at a time provided by the Secretary of State of the county clerk following the January 25 deadline.

Data Source(s): Administrative Office of the Courts; Fayette County Clerk's Office; LRC

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