## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 359
Bill #: HB 116 GA
<b>Document ID #:</b> 4649
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to soil and water conservation.
Sponsor: Rep. Felicia Rabourn
Unit of Government: City X County X Urban-County Unified Local
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerk
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

**Section 1** of HB 116 GA amends KRS 146.090 which outlines membership of the Soil and Water Commission. In the case of any vacancy other than the one (1) caused by the expiration of a term, the secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet, with the approval of the Governor, would appoint the successor from a list of two (2) names that would be submitted by the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts from the area which was represented by the former member. All members of the commission are supervisors of soil and conservation districts.

**Section 2** would amend KRS 262.210 to require that nominating petitions of candidates for Commission membership (to be filed with the County Clerk of the county in which the district lies) to state that candidates are at least 18 years of age. This provision would apply to all candidates who have not taken office prior to the effective date of this Act. **Section 3** would also restate that supervisors must be 18 years of age.

The fiscal impact on local governments is expected to be minimal to nonexistent. Clerks would need to be educated on the new candidate age requirement which could be accomplished at little to no cost to the clerk. County Clerks hold monthly meetings where training is offered which may provide opportunities to educate clerks at no extra cost.

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

HB 116 GA keeps the same provisions as HB 116 HCS 1.

Part II refers to HB 116 HCS 1. HB 116 HCS 1 amends the age requirement for candidates and supervisors from 21 to 18 years of age.

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