Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 433			
Bill #: HB 163			
Document ID #: 2496			
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to elections.			
Sponsor: Representative Daniel Fister			
Unit of Government: _	City	X County	X Urban-County Unified Local
-	X Charter County	X Consolidated Local	
Office(s) Impacted:	Representative Danie	l Fister	
Requirement: X N	Mandatory Opt	ional	
Effect on Powers & Duties:	Modifies Existing	Adds New El	iminates Existing

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

Section 1 of HB 163 would amend KRS 117.025 to change the appointing authority of both the executive director and the assistant director of the State Board of Elections from the board itself to the Secretary of State.

Section 2 would amend KRS 117.345 to require that, following any election, county treasurers certify the number of voting locations to the State Board of Elections instead of the number of precincts. Upon receipt of the certification and upon being satisfied as to the correctness thereof, the State Board of Elections must issue a warrant upon the State Treasurer to pay county treasurers \$255 for each voting location.

The fiscal impact of HB 163 on local governments is expected to be negative, although it will vary from county to county. According to the Kentucky County Clerks Association, many county clerks opt to consolidate multiple precincts into singular voting centers for a variety of reasons. For the November 2022 election, Franklin County offered 12 voting centers at which voters from any of the county's 44 precincts could

vote. In Fayette County, 133 locations served 286 precincts. While multiple precincts may vote at the same location, there are still costs associated with each precinct, such as printing unique ballots, additional scanners, and hiring additional poll workers. HB 163 would result in many counties receiving less state funding for elections than previously provided.

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

Part II refers to HB 163 as introduced. There are no prior versions.

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