Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 273									
Bill #: HB 83 HCS 1									
Document ID #: 5700									
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to judgment liens.									
Sponsor: Representative Patrick Flannery									
Unit of Government:	X City	X County	X Urban-County Unified Local						
	X Charter County	X Consolidated Local							
Office(s) Impacted:	County Clerks								
Requirement: X	Mandatory Option	onal							
Effect on Powers & Duties:	Modifies Existing _	X Adds New E	liminates Existing						

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

Section 1:

Amends KRS 426.720 to provide lien expiration dates. For liens created before the effective date of the Act, the expiration date shall be the date as provided by the underlying final judgment or ten years after the effective date of this act, whichever is earlier. For liens created on or after this Act's effective date, then the expiration date shall be ten years after the date the final judgment was entered by the court of record.

The expiration dates provided above may be postponed if a proceeding is filed prior to the date of expiration to enforce the judgment lien and the judgement creditor files a notice of the enforcement proceeding which must contain specific information as required by HB 83 HCS 1. Within ten days of the postponed expiration date, the judgment creditor shall file a notice in the county where the notice of judgement lien is lodged. This notice shall contain information as required by HB 83 HCS 1 about the enforcement proceedings as well as the judgment lien expiration date.

The expiration date may also be postponed not less than 120 days prior to the date of expiration and the judgement creditor or his or her counsel files a notice of renewal of the judgement lien in the county where the lien is located containing specific information as required by HB 83 HCS 1. The judgement lien may be extended once and for a period not to exceed five years from the date of the expiration.

Section 2:

Amends KRS 64.032 to extend the date for which county clerks will be required to accept electronic filing of any recorded instrument from June 30, 2023, to January 1, 2024.

Section 3:

Provides that the right of the fiduciary to sell or mortgage any property or interest in a property shall be voidable until such time that any appeals for a final order or any adversary preceding have expired. The provisions of Section 3 are retroactive and shall apply to conveyances made prior to the effective date of this Act.

Section 4:

In regards to improvements to a property, the lessee is not deemed to be an authorized agent of the owner unless designated in writing in regards to entering in agreements or contracts.

To require the filing of notice documents with the county clerk to apprise the prospective provider of labor or materials and to negate any lien against the lessor's interest for improvements made by a lessee. Regarding the liability, the lessor must provide proof in the form of a lease when requested by the provider of services. This requirement does not extend to multifamily residential rental units.

The fiscal impact to local governments will be minimal. The Kentucky County Clerks Association sees no major changes in process or duties resulting from HB 83 HCS 1.

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

HB 83 HCS 1 keeps the major provisions of HB 83 as introduced and makes the following changes / additions:

- Extends the time period for which a judgement creditor shall file notice of a judgement proceeding from five to ten days.
- Provides additional guidelines regarding postponing expiration dates 120 days prior to the originally expiration date.
- Extends the time for in the Clerks must be ready to accept online filings.
- Provides additional guidelines for when a fiduciary is free to sell property of interest in a property and makes the guidelines retroactive.
- Lessee is not an authorized agent of the owner unless designated in writing.
- To require the filing of notice documents with the county clerk to apprise the prospective provider of labor or materials and to negate any lien against the lessor's interest for improvements made by a lessee. This requirement does not extend to multifamily residential rental units.

HB 83 HCS 1 does not affect the fiscal impact of the HB 83 as introduced	HB	83	HCS	1	does	not	affect	the	fiscal	impact	of th	е НВ	83	as	introduce	ed.
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