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

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 427					
Bill #: SB 118					
<b>Document ID #:</b> <u>3151</u>					
Bill Subject/Title:         AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to abortion.					
Sponsor: Senator Whitney Westerfield					
Unit of Government:CityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment					
Office(s) Impacted: County clerks					
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional					
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing					

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

SB 118 would propose to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to state that Kentucky's Constitution does not secure or protect a right to abortion or funding of abortion. By the language of the bill and as allowed by Kentucky Constitution Section 256, the proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are chosen. This means that the proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters in November 2024.

The costs of SB 118 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal, though the impact would be felt more in smaller, less well-funded counties. There are additional programming costs associated with adding a new constitutional amendment to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election. 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 applies to SB 118 as introduced. There is no earlier version for comparison.

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