Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 248
Bill #: SB 16
Document ID #: <u>1173</u>
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to elections.
Sponsor: Senator Adrienne Southworth
Unit of Government: City X County Unified Local
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: County clerk
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX_ Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

SB 16 Section 1 would amend KRS 117.125 to require voting systems to preserve the paper voting ballot as **the** official record available for use in certification, audit, or recount of a vote. KRS 117.175 requires county clerks to prepare instruction cards containing instructions how to vote using the voting equipment. Section 3 of SB 16 would require that county clerks include on the voting instruction cards notification to voters of the effect of casting multiple votes for a single office on a paper ballot. SB 16 Section 5 would require the State Board of Elections promulgate administrative regulations to provide methods to include a voter education program to notify voters of the effect of casting more than one vote for a single office on a paper ballot, in compliance with federal law.

SB 16 would have a minimal, if any, fiscal impact on county clerks. SB 16 emphasizes throughout that county clerks shall notify and educate the public regarding the effect of casting multiple votes for a single office on a paper ballot. County boards of elections already include this information on the paper ballots and post the information at polling locations. Including such notification on the voting instruction cards clerks already send to

the electorate in their jurisdiction could increase printing and mailing costs if doing so requires increasing the size or number of pages of the cards.

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

Part II applies to SB 16 as introduced. There is no earlier version for comparison.

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