Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1380
Bill #: SB 164
Document ID #: 3608
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to restoration of rights.
Sponsor: Senator Brandon J. Storm
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County Unified Local X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: County clerks
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX Adds New Eliminates Existing Port Ha Bill Provisions and the Estimated Figure Language Relating to Lead.

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

SB 164 proposes an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky. The amendment, if ratified by voters, would mandate that all persons convicted of a felony automatically have their voting rights restored three years after completion of any term of imprisonment, probation, or parole. Persons convicted of treason, bribery in any election, and election fraud are exempted from this, as well as persons convicted of a felony who have previously had their voting rights restored by the amendment.

SB 164 would likely have a small, indeterminate fiscal impact on local governments. There would be some costs associated with presenting the proposed amendment itself, limited to the cost of adding it to the ballot, but this would be minimal.

According to the Kentucky County Clerks Association, if adopted, the State Board of Elections would be charged with ensuring that those individuals seeking to vote have received some type of verification of the restoration of their voting rights, so this cost would

not be borne at the local level by county clerks. The State Board of Elections was contacted to confirm this, but no reply was received. If the State Board of Elections does reply, then this local mandate analysis may be updated.

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

Part II refers to SB 164 as introduced.

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