Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 810		
Bill #: HB 18 GA		
Document ID #: <u>3833</u>		
Bill Title: AN ACT relating to the rights of property owners and declaring an emergency.		
Sponsor: Representative Ryan Dotson		
Unit of Government:XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment		
Office(s) Impacted: Local Governments		
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional		
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New _X Eliminates Existing		

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

HB 18 GA would prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances that prohibit owners of housing accommodations from refusing to lease or rent the housing accommodation to a person when the person's source of income to pay rent includes funding from a federal housing assistance program. It would also prohibit local governments from requiring an owner of property occupied by an individual other than the owner to pay an emergency response fee that arises out of the actions of another over which the owner has no control.

The fiscal impact of HB 18 GA on local governments is expected to be minimal. Local governments that choose to create ordinances will incur costs associated with the drafting, publication, indexing and recording of adopted ordinances, and at least every five years, review and eliminate redundant, obsolete, inconsistent, and invalid provisions.

According to Kentucky League of Cities, most cities, especially the smaller ones, retain their city attorney on contract and pay on an hourly basis. Time spent drafting an ordinance is influenced by its complexity and the amount of research that is necessary. Currently (FY 2023), the average hourly rate was between \$117 and \$128. Rates for legal notices vary greatly depending on the length of the publication, the number of times it needs to be published and the newspaper in which the publication is placed. Therefore, these costs are unknown.

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	145, Revised September 2023; Kentucky League of Cities

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