## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 1594
Bill #: HB 336
<b>Document ID #:</b> 3181
Bill Title: AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to citizen ballot initiatives.
Sponsor: Representative Josie Raymond
Unit of Government:  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: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

HB 336 proposes to amend Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky to establish the initiative power of the people to propose laws and to enact or reject proposed initiatives at an election, establish procedures for initiatives and the effect of adopted initiatives, and set parameters for the subject of any initiative.

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 time members of the General Assembly are chosen. This means that the proposed amendment would be considered in November 2024.

The costs of HB 336 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal.

Balloting and publishing proposed constitutional amendments is a regular duty of county clerks, paid for by the county fiscal court. There are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category (local option question or constitutional amendment) to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election.

Ballot printing costs are also a factor in election expenses. If the proposed amendment results in additional pages needed for the ballot, that would be an additional cost to the county clerk's office. It has been estimated that the cost of one extra page for a ballot is \$0.25.

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