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

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill #: HB 341 GA  Document ID #: 4376  Bill Title: AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 145 and 155 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to persons entitled to vote.  Sponsor: Representative Michael Lee Meredith  Unit of Government: City X County X Urban-County Unified Local X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government  Office(s) Impacted: County clerks
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**Section 2** would add to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky that "no person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to vote in this state."

**Section 3** would add to Section 155 of the Constitution of Kentucky that "no person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to vote in said elections" pertaining to the election of school trustees and other common school district elections.

The costs of HB 341 GA to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal, though for counties with smaller budgets the impact may be minimal to moderate.

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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