Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1415						
Bill #: HB 4						
Document ID #: 4768						
Bill Title: AN ACT proposing to amend the Constitution of Kentucky relating to sessions of the General Assembly.						
Sponsor: Representative David Osborne						
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 4 proposes amend the Constitution of Kentucky stating a regular session of the General Assembly shall end on the date as established by the General Assembly unless three-fifths of the House members agree upon another date. Additionally, the General Assembly may convene in no more than two additional sessions not to exceed twelve legislative days annually by Joint Proclamation of the President of the Senate of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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 fiscal impact requiring local governments to add a constitutional amendment to the 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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