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

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 839
Bill #: HB 519
Document ID #: 2810
AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to qualifications of members of the General Assembly.
Sponsor: Representative Keturah Herron
Unit of Government: City X County Urban-County Unified Local
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerk
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 519 proposes amending Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky to lower the age of eligibility for Kentucky House Representatives from twenty-four to twenty-one years of age, and from thirty to twenty-four years of age for Kentucky Senators. It also proposes reducing residence in the state from six years preceding election to three years.

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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