

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

**Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 1625

Bill #: HB 622 GA

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Bill Title: AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor: Representative Steven Rudy

Unit of Government:  City  County  Urban-County  
Unified Local  
 Charter County  Consolidated Local  Government

Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks

Requirement:  Mandatory  Optional

Effect on  
Powers & Duties:  Modifies Existing  Adds New  Eliminates Existing

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

HB 622 GA Section 1 would amend KRS 118.720 to require the Governor to sign a proclamation for an election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator. It would also extend the term of the candidate who wins special election to the remainder of the term.

Section 4 would repeal KRS 63.200, which requires the Governor to fill vacancies in the office of United States Senator.

**HB 622 GA would have a negative fiscal impact on all county clerks due to the cost of conducting a special election in the event of a vacancy in the office of a United States Senator.** While a special election may have some reduced costs compared to a general election, the State Board of Elections has provided election cost figures for reference. According to a recent (2023) survey of 70 counties, the average cost per precinct in the 2022 general election was \$2,985.77. The state reimbursement per precinct was \$255, leaving an average cost of \$2,730.77 per precinct.

**Data Source(s):** LRC Staff; Kentucky State Board of Elections

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