Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: _952
Bill #: SB 108
Document ID #: 2978
Bill Title: Senator Adrienne Southworth
Sponsor: AN ACT relating to elections.
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County 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

Section 1 of SB 108 would amend KRS 116.045 to prohibit public entities, officials, and employees authorized to assist a person in registering, transferring, and changing political party from influencing the person's decision. It would also provide that no individual or group shall have electronic access to the voter registration information unless he or she is employed in the office of the county clerk of the county in which registration occurs.

Section 2 would amend KRS 116.048 to require that the completed voter registration application shall only be transmitted to the county clerk of the county of the applicant's voting residence.

Section 3 would amend KRS 116.112 to require that each county board of elections conducts its own voter registration purge program. It would also require that the county board of elections submit its voter registration information to the State Board of Elections on the fifth day of each month.

Section 4 would amend KRS 116.113 to provide that the county clerk is responsible for removing a registered voter's name when necessary.

The fiscal impact of SB 108 on county clerks is expected to be negative. According to the Kentucky County Clerks Association, there would be significant programming costs associated with changing the voter registration system from a top-down design to a bottom-up system. It is unclear who would be responsible for the cost of the system change.

There would be mailing costs associated with Section 3 that are currently paid for by the State Board of Elections. Additional county clerk office personnel would be necessary to carry out the new duties of the bill and training would likely be required. It is anticipated that the cost of most of the bill's provisions would be the responsibility of the county clerks.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff; Kentucky County Clerks Association

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