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

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 1167
Bill #: SB 157
<b>Document ID #:</b> <u>4473</u>
Bill Title:         AN ACT relating to the sale of dogs and cats.
Sponsor: Senator Jason Howell
Unit of Government:       X       City       X       County         Multiple       Multiple       Multiple       Multiple       Multiple         Unified Local       Multiple       Multiple       Multiple       Multiple
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: Local Governments
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

SB 157 would create a new section of KRS Chapter 258 that would prohibit retail pet shops from selling dogs or cats unless the animal was obtained from an animal shelter or a qualified breeder as defined in SB 157. SB 157 also prohibits retail pet shops from selling dogs or cats that are less than eight (8) weeks old or to an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years old.

SB 157 further prohibits any county, municipality, or any of their agencies from adopting a rule, regulation, code, or ordinance that prohibits a retail pet shop from operating within the county or municipality if the retail pet shop operates within the parameters set forth in SB 157 Section 1(2) and (3).

The fiscal impact of SB 157 on local governments is expected to be minimal. Local governments that choose to create ordinances will incur costs associated with the drafting, publication, indexing and recording of adopted ordinances, and at least every five years, review and eliminate redundant, obsolete, inconsistent, and invalid provisions.

According to Kentucky League of Cities, most cities, especially the smaller ones, retain their city attorney on contract and pay on an hourly basis. Time spent drafting an ordinance is influenced by its complexity and the amount of research that is necessary. Currently (FY 2023), the average hourly rate was between \$117 and \$128. Rates for legal notices vary greatly depending on the length of the publication, the number of times it needs to be published and the newspaper in which the publication is placed. Therefore, these costs are unknown.

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