Local Government Mandate Statement
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 2075

Bill #: SB 300

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Bill Title: AN ACT relating to elections.

Sponsor: Senator Damon Thayer

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

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

SB 300 would amend KRS 117.066 to eliminate vote centers where multiple precincts can be consolidated into a single location. Instead, a precinct comprised of a small number of registered voters would be allowed to utilize the facilities of another precinct as a voting location.

SB 300 would have a negative fiscal impact on county clerks due to increased costs associated with no longer being able to utilize vote centers. According to Kentucky County Clerks Association, this change would necessitate the use of more voting machines and poll workers, which each come with associated costs. The extent to which each county currently utilizes vote centers varies and therefore the fiscal impact of SB 300 would also vary between counties.

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

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