Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 338			
Bill #: SB 323			
Document ID #: <u>71</u>	16		
Bill Title: AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to persons entitled to vote.			
Sponsor: Senator Adrienne Southworth			
Unit of Government:		X County	X Urban-County Unified Local
Office(s) Impacted:		y X Consolidated Local	A Government
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional			
Effect on Powers & Duties: X	Modifies Existing	Adds New E	Eliminates Existing

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

SB 323 proposes to amend the present Constitution of Kentucky to repeal Section 145 and create a new section to allow United States citizens, who are at least 18 years old and have resided in the state for one year, the county for six months, and the precinct for 60 days, to vote, unless they have been convicted of treason, bribery in an election, or election fraud, or have been determined mentally incompetent to vote.

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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