

**Local Government Mandate Statement
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 893

Bill #: SB 76

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Bill Title: AN ACT relating to local governments.

Sponsor: Senator Stephen West

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

Office(s) Impacted: Local governments

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

SB 76 adds a new section to KRS Chapter 65 stating a city, county, charter county government, urban-county government, consolidated local government, or unified local government shall not adopt or enforce any ordinance relating to landlord or tenant laws that is in conflict with any law of this Commonwealth.

The fiscal impact of SB 76 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.

The Kentucky Association of Counties was contacted for input. As of the submission of this Local Mandate Statement, a response has not been received. Once a response is received, the statement may be updated accordingly.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff; Kentucky League of Cities

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