

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 323

Bill #: SB 78

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Bill Title: AN ACT relating to elections.

Sponsor: Senator Adrienne Southworth

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

Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks

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 78 would require that no voting system or equipment be approved by the State Board of Election, used, or purchased unless specific components including firmware, software, and hardware that are designed, manufactured, integrated, and assembled in the United States by suppliers accredited by the United States Department of Defense.

The fiscal impact of SB 78 on county clerks due to the new restrictions on voting equipment purchasing is indeterminable. Kentucky counties currently use one of two vendors to purchase their voting equipment. According to the State Board of Elections, these vendors would not meet the specifications outlined in SB 78. In addition, no known vendor currently offers a product that would meet these specifications either.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff; State Board of Elections

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