

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

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 379

**Bill #:** SB 8 GA

**Document ID #:** 7716

**Bill Title:** AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Board of Education.

**Sponsor:** Senator Mike Wilson

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**

Section 1 of SB 8 GA would amend KRS 156.029 by removing power from the Governor to appoint Kentucky Board of Education members.

Section 2 of SB 8 GA would create a new section of KRS 156 providing power by election to Kentucky voters for selection of Kentucky Board of Education members. Two members of the Kentucky Board of Education shall be elected from each of the seven (7) Supreme Court districts as established in KRS 21A.010. The members of the Kentucky Board of Education shall be nominated and elected from the Supreme Court district in which they reside in partisan primary and partisan regular elections. After the initial terms of office of the first elected board members, members shall be elected in the same regular election years as members of the General Assembly.

**The fiscal impact of SB 8 GA is expected to be minimal.**

Balloting is a regular duty of county clerks, paid for by the county fiscal court. In this case, both primary and general elections would be impacted. There are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election. Ballot printing costs are also a factor in election expenses. If additional pages are 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. This ballot addition would involve both primary and general elections, doubling the minimal expense.

**Data Source(s):** LRC Staff, Kentucky County Clerks Association, State Board of Elections

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