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

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: _310
Bill #: SB 82
<b>Document ID #:</b> 2142
Bill Title: AN ACT relating to elections.
Sponsor: Senator Adrienne Southworth
Unit of Government: City X County Urban-County
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX Adds New Eliminates Existing
Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government
SB 82 Section 1 would amend KRS 117.125 to require voting systems to preserve the paper voting ballot as the official record available for use in certification, audit, or recount of a vote.
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KRS 117.175 requires county clerks to prepare instruction cards containing instructions how to vote using the voting equipment.

Section 4 of SB 82 would require that county clerks include on the voting instruction cards notification to voters of the effect of casting multiple votes for a single office on a paper ballot.

SB 82 would have a minimal, if any, fiscal impact on county clerks. SB 82 emphasizes throughout that county clerks shall notify and educate the public regarding the effect of casting multiple votes for a single office on a paper ballot. County boards of elections already include this information on the paper ballots and post the information at

polling locations. Including such notification on the voting instruction cards clerks already send to the electorate in their jurisdiction could increase printing and mailing costs if doing so requires increasing the size or number of pages of the cards.

**Data Source(s):** <u>State Board of Elections; LRC Staff</u>

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