

Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1004	Bill #:	HB 615
Document ID #:	1733	Sponsor:	Rep. Chad Aull
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to elections.		

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

Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks; County Board of Elections

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Other Fiscal Statement(s) that may exist: Actuarial Analysis Corrections Impact
 Health Benefit Mandate State Employee Health Plan

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

HB 615 would amend KRS 117.087, KRS 118.035, KRS 117.076, and KRS 117.275 to extend polling hours until 7:00 p.m. and prohibit the transmission, public release, tallying, or counting of votes before that time.

The fiscal impact of HB 615 on local governments is expected to be minimal.

Under KRS 117.035, the county board of elections, chaired by the county clerk, administers elections within the county, including state, county, and municipal elections, and KRS 117.155 assigns additional duties to county clerks related to voting equipment.

Poll workers are paid on a daily rather than hourly basis, and HB 615 does not provide for additional compensation. County clerks may need to adjust poll worker schedules to cover the additional hour, which could require hiring additional poll workers. In some cases, county clerk staff may be reassigned from office duties to work at polling locations. Where a polling location is housed in a rented facility, there may be a modest additional cost associated with the extended polling hour.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff

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