

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
2026 Regular Session**

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	365	Bill #:	SB 40/SCS 1
Document ID #:	3835	Sponsor:	Sen. Gary Boswell
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to public library district boards of trustees.		

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

Office(s) Impacted: County Fiscal Courts; County Library Boards

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

SB 40/SCS 1 would amend KRS 173.490 and KRS 173.730 to remove the requirement that the names of library board appointees, when vacancies occur, be submitted to the Department for Libraries and Archives for approval by the state librarian and commissioner before being forwarded to the county judge/executive. Under the bill, the library board would generally submit two names to the county judge/executive, who must appoint one of the individuals within 30 days unless the county has adopted an alternative appointment process by resolution.

Under the alternative process authorized by SB 40/SCS 1, the library board may submit a single name to the county judge/executive. If the judge/executive rejects that individual, the judge/executive may appoint a person of his or her choosing within 30 days.

SB 40/SCS 1 would also require that any person appointed to a library board reside in the county in which the library board operates.

The fiscal impact on local governments is indeterminable but is expected to be negligible and likely positive.

SB 40/SCS 1 may result in minimal administrative savings due to a more streamlined appointment process that no longer requires review by the Department for Libraries and Archives. The fiscal effect may vary depending on whether a jurisdiction adopts the standard or alternative appointment process, and it is unknown which jurisdictions will choose to do so.

Data Source(s): LRC staff

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