## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2019 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 361				
Bill #: SB 75				
Document ID #: 749				
<b>Bill Subject/Title:</b> AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 70, 72, 73, 74, 84, 85, 86, 87, 90, 91, and 95 and repeal Section 82 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to aboloshing the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.				
Sponsor: Senator Stephen L. Meredith				
Unit of Government:  City x County x Urban-County Unified Local x Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government				
Office(s) Impacted: County clerks				
Requirement: Mandatory Optional				
Effect on Powers & Duties:x Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing				

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

The fiscal impact of SB 75 will be minimal. SB 75 proposes to abolish the Office of Lieutenant Governor and place the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House directly in the line of succession. Section 5 of SB 75 amends Section 84 of the Constitution of Kentucky to establish that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside over impeachment hearings of the Governor and any trial of the Governor. The Act provides that the amendments proposed be submitted to voters as follows:

"Beginning with the Gubernatorial Election of 2023, are you in favor of abolishing the Office of Lieutenant Governor, along with the Lieutenant Governor's rights and obligations thereto, and establishing the President of the Senate as first line of succession to the Governor, and establishing the Speaker of the House as the second line of succession to the Governor, granting to them the authority to exercise all the power and authority

appertaining to the Office of Governor until another be duly elected and qualified, or the Governor shall be able to discharge the duties of his or her office, and removing the Attorney General and the Auditor of Public Accounts from the line of gubernatorial succession?".

According to Harp Enterprises (a vendor recently providing electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties) there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on a scheduled statewide election. According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties, the costs would range from \$14 per precinct for larger counties such as Fayette with 286 precincts (\$4,074) to \$45 per precinct for counties such as Franklin with 44 precincts (\$1,980).

## Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as drafted and there are not any prior versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

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