

Save the Constable

Stop HB 240 and SB 30

Both of these bills have made it out off committee in their respective Houses and will come up for a vote sometime soon in the near future. Some key points about these two pieces of legislation. HB 240 would put forth an amendment for ratification to the people to abolish the office. SB 30 would put the office under the county fiscal courts, which would be unconstitutional as it would put a Constitutional office like the Constable under an unconstitutional office. This would be a violation of Sec. 60 of the KY Constitution.

Why we need to keep the Constable office. 1) They are elected by the people, the more representation for the people the better. Because they are elected they serve as a check and balance against other portions of government. 2) They are not funded by taxpayer dollars, thus making some of the services they provided cheaper. In fact (and this varies based on county) the Constable's office does some things the Sheriff's office does not. 3) The Constable's office acts as a supplement to local law enforcement like the Sheriff's office when they need back up. Or they serve as the law in rural and remote locations that other law enforcement cannot provide as expediently. 4) Getting rid of this office would actually cost taxpayer money due to the need to hire full duty Sheriff Deputies as opposed to the more cost effective Constables, as well as leave a gap in our communities in regard to the services the Constable provides.

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Tell the operator you would like to leave 2 messages:

Message 1 is for YOUR Representative and all House leadership: *"Please oppose HB 240 and keep the constitutional office of constable serving and protecting our communities."*

Message 2 is for YOUR Senator and all Senate leadership: *"Please oppose SB 30 and keep the constitutional office of constable serving and protecting our communities. SB 30 attempt to put the constable's office under the county fiscal courts is unconstitutional and should not even be considered."*

*If you would like to adlib with your message using some of the points made above feel free to do so, it can only help.

NOTE: The two main reasons these bills are being considered is the Boone and Jefferson County Sheriffs want to collect the fees and expand their office. Also there is a knee-jerk reaction to a mistake by one constable in Louisville. Other law enforcement officers make mistakes but we don't decide to abolish those offices either do we?