

FISCAL NOTE

HB 373 - SB 797

March 14, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands eligible criteria for expungement of criminal record. Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to establish a uniform fee for expungement of such records.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$1,359,600

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$1,359,600*

Assumptions:

- The potential volume of persons eligible for expungement of criminal records under this bill is estimated to be high. Local governments would require additional staff to handle the additional requests for expungement.
- The Comptroller of the Treasury's Office estimates that each of the 31 judicial divisions and the 13 criminal courts would require one additional position. The average annual salary for each position is estimated to be \$23,000. Benefits are an additional 34.35%. The total additional expenditures for local governments are estimated to be \$1,359,600 (\$30,900 x 44 positions).
- The AOC shall set a uniform fee to offset the additional expenses of the local governments. Such fee shall total \$1,359,600. The AOC will not require additional resources to set such a fee.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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