

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3312 - SB 3757

February 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement for Knox and Shelby Counties that petitions to amend the county charter must be signed by 15-percent of registered voters and instead authorizes such counties to use the percentage already written in its charter or subsequently approved by its voters.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Under current law, each year approximately one petition for an amendment to the county charter gains enough signatures to be placed on the ballot.
- The Knox County and Shelby County charters currently require 15-percent of registered voters to sign a petition for an amendment to the county charter. This bill will not change the current requirements unless voters approve such a change.
- According to the State Election Commission, amendments are placed on the ballot for the next general election and no special election is required. Thus there is no significant additional cost for adding amendments to the ballot and any increase in state and local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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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