

FISCAL NOTE

SB 539 - HB 566

March 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires popular election of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Court of Criminal Appeals judges. Eliminates the Judicial Selection Commission and the Judicial Evaluation Commission. Establishes the Tennessee Judicial Election Fund to be administered by the Registry of Election Finance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - \$14,800 Recurring
\$5,000 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- Expenditures for the Judicial Selection Commission were \$23,657 in FY06 and expenditures for the Judicial Evaluation Commission were \$15,524 in FY06. Eliminating these two commissions would result in a decrease in state expenditures of \$39,181.
- Increase in state expenditures for ballot modifications. These expenditures are not estimated to be significant.
- The Registry of Election Finance would require one additional position to establish and administer the fund. Recurring expenditures of \$54,000 reflect the salary and benefits, telecommunications and other related supplies. One-time expenditures of \$5,000 for equipment.

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