

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3586 - SB 3527

February 22, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, in the event of an appointment of a lawyer as a special judge when a general sessions or juvenile judge must be absent from court, an entry in the minutes or other permanent record of the court to reflect that the parties involved were notified that a practicing lawyer will serve as special judge, that the parties chose to proceed or continue with the case, and that an announcement was made to persons in attendance. Requires the circumstances requiring the appointment of a special judge to be entered in the permanent records of the court in the event that a general sessions or juvenile judge must be absent from court due to a sudden or unexpected emergency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the proposed changes to the special judge appointment process are not applicable to state trial and appellate courts and will have no fiscal impact on the AOC.
- Any impact to general sessions or juvenile courts can be accommodated within existing local judicial resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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