

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2377 - HB 2412

May 29, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes a mechanism for a limited constitutional convention to consider altering or reforming the following sections of the Tennessee Constitution: Article VI, Section 3 and 4; and Article VII, Section 5 relative to the method for choosing appellate court judges. Requires to be submitted to the voters at the regular August election, the question of calling a limited constitutional convention, electing delegates to the convention at the regular November election, and holding an election on whether to ratify any proposed amendments passed by the convention.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

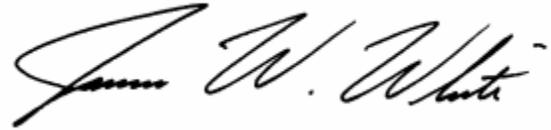
Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$20,000 for state-wide publication of notice of the constitutional convention call in FY09-10 by the Secretary of State.
- Election expenses will be minimal, since the question of calling a convention and electing delegates will be placed on the regular August and November election ballots.
- The estimated cost of holding a constitutional convention with 27 delegates to consider the issues contained in the bill is as follows: 15 days - \$131,803 (\$171 per diem plus \$154.44 mileage x 27 delegates x 15 days = \$131,803.20); 20 days - \$175,738 (\$171 per diem plus \$154.44 x 27 delegates x 20 days = \$175,737.60); and 30 days - \$263,606 (\$171 per diem plus \$154.44 x 27 delegates x 30 days = \$263,606.40). The estimated cost to hold a statewide referendum that is not conducted in conjunction with a statewide election is approximately \$4,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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