

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2599 – HB 3677

February 22, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the “Fair Assessment for Absentee Owners Act.” Requires the State Division of Property Assessment to adopt, for properties having mineral rights, a consistent market-based methodology for the valuation of severed mineral rights for coal. Requires county assessors to maintain records of mineral rights.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Division of Property Assessment already has in place a methodology for the valuation of severed mineral rights for coal. This bill will have no fiscal impact on the department.
- Any cost for local governments to implement a consistent methodology for the valuation of severed mineral rights for coal will be not significant and can be reasonably accommodated within current 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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