

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1081 – SB 875**

March 28, 2011

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005237):** Deletes the original bill. Changes the placement of the words on the face of the envelope indicating free mail and balloting materials; allows the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB) to be used as a registration form and a request for an absentee ballot; expands the use of the Form 76 (federal postcard) and the FWAB to be used for all elections for which the person is eligible instead of federal only; and requires the federal write-in absentee ballot to be counted for all elections in which the applicant is eligible.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The Coordinator of Elections will not require additional personnel or resources to carry out the requirements of the bill as amended.
- Any cost to make changes to the ballot envelope will be not significant and can be handled within the existing budget.
- Carrying out the procedural requirements of the bill as amended will be not significant and can be handled in the normal course of business.
- No additional cost to state or local governments.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible.

James W. White, Executive Director

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