

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1003 – SB 1915

April 19, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004781): Deletes Sections 7, 8, and 9 and substitutes language. Removes the prohibition against corporations making contributions to political candidates, and designates any corporation that makes expenditures to support or oppose any candidate for public office or ballot measure during a calendar quarter in an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 as a political campaign committee (PAC). Authorizes the allocation of unexpended funds remaining in the campaign fund of a deceased candidate to any institution of public or private education in the state. Requires that the campaign contribution limits for persons and PACs established by present law must be adjusted to reflect the change in the consumer price index (CPI) for the period of January 1, 1996, through December 31, 2010. Requires contribution limits to be adjusted on January 1, 2013, and every two years thereafter, to reflect changes in the CPI. Requires the Registry of Election Finance to publish each adjusted amount on its website. Removes the limit on aggregate individual contributions. Prohibits a PAC controlled by a member of the General Assembly from fundraising during the legislative session.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,000/One-Time

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Requires the Registry to update publications with the new contribution limits.
- The electronic filing system for campaign finance, TNCAMP, will undergo a one-time programming change in order to post the contribution limits and subsequent adjustments.
- According to the Registry, the one-time cost to update TNCAMP will result in \$1,000 in programming costs that will be paid from existing funds. Payment from these funds will either reduce the reversion of general budget funds to the Treasury or will reduce the

balance of a non-reverting fund, depending on the source of funding, which is not specified.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director

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