

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 899 - HB 1182

March 8, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 600,000 to 800,000, the county population required for exemption from certain mining permit requirements. Defines operator as any person engaged in surface mining who disturbs or intends to disturb one acre or more of land. Excludes certain rock harvesters from being operators. Defines rock harvesting as the removal of certain rock or stone for commercial sale. Adds requirements for information to be included in an application for non-coal surface mining. Authorizes a surface owner and an operator to enter into an agreement in order to be exempt from permit requirements provided such agreement is submitted to the Department of Environment and Conservation. Requires any conveyance of mineral interests to identify the specific mineral interests. Requires any other minerals to remain with the owner of the surface rights.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Shelby County is currently exempt. Increasing the county population will extend the exemption to Davidson County.
- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), there will not be a significant change in the number of applications for permits processed; therefore, any impact on fee revenue will not be significant.
- Any increase in expenditures for TDEC to administer and enforce the provisions of this bill will be not significant.

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".

James W. White, Executive Director

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