

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2671 - HB 2935

January 28, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective July 1, 2012, dissolves the Court of the Judiciary and replaces it with the Board of Judicial Conduct. The Board will have 16 members appointed by the judicial conferences, the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Governor. Membership terms are reduced from four to three years. Requires the Chair of the Board to appoint one member to serve as a direct liaison to the General Assembly. Requires the Board to make a quarterly report, including the number of complaints filed and the disposition of each complaint, to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. Requires the Board to adopt, by rule, a formal records retention policy and requires annual review of such policy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Board of Judicial Conduct will have the same number of members and the same functions as the Court of Judiciary.
- The compensation for the members and the number of hearings will remain the same.
- Any cost associated with additional legislative liaison duties of a designated Board member will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Replacing the Court of the Judiciary with the Board of Judicial Conduct will result in no fiscal impact to the state.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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