

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 646 - SB 790

March 7, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires members of any regional planning commission (RPC), community planning commission (CPC), or municipal planning commission (MPC) to certify with the Tennessee Ethics Commission their attendance in continuing education classes. Removes the option for local governments to opt out of the continuing education requirement for members of such commissions.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000\***

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Ethics Commission, the provisions of the bill will not fiscally impact the Commission; and no filing fees will be assessed for materials submitted by planning commissioners.
- According to the Department of Economic and Community Development, there are approximately 400 total regional, community, and municipal planning commissions.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 13-3-101(c), RPC's may have no fewer than 5, and no more than 15 members; it is reasonably estimated that each MPC and CPC has an average of 5 members.
- The minimum number of members statewide is estimated to be 2,000 (400 planning commissions x 5 minimum members).
- Twenty-five percent of members are estimated to opt out of continued education under current law.
- An average of four hours of continued education for members each year.
- Estimated costs are approximately \$50 per hour per class.
- The recurring increase in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide (2,000 x 25% x 4 hours x \$50).

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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