

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1207 - SB 1319

March 7, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines, as a reasonable good faith effort, the placing of a phone call or the sending of electronic mail to a utility customer, when giving notification of discontinuance of service by Davidson County utilities for nonpayment, unless the utility customer has had a discontinuance of service for nonpayment in the previous four years, then no call or electronic mail notification shall be required.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000/Davidson County Utilities**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-32-104(2), knocking on the door or ringing the doorbell by the utility representative constitutes a reasonable good faith effort, provided the representative need not knock or ring the doorbell at any residence where service has been discontinued within the previous four years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-32-103, the provisions of this chapter apply to Davidson County utilities who furnish electricity, gas or water, or convert solid waste into heat, fuel or energy.
- According to the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD), changing the current definition of a reasonable good faith effort will result in a decrease in expenditures exceeding \$50,000 annually for Davidson County utilities as a result of reduced travel time to residences to provide notification.

**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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