TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1792

March 2, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes Knox County to increase, from $1,000 to $5,000, the maximum civil penalty for violation of a county ordinance and consider several factors when assessing such penalty; requires reasonable notice of the assessment of any penalty given to violators. Authorizes Knox County to assess damages proximately caused by the violator to the county which may include any reasonable expenses incurred in investigating and enforcing violations, reasonable attorney fees in any appeal and any other actual damages caused by the violator. Requires the county mayor to determine, and the county legislative body to approve, the procedure for appeal of the penalty. Requires all funds collected to be deposited to the county general fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds $10,000/Permissive

Assumption:

- Due to multiple unknown factors, such as how many penalties are currently assessed by Knox County for ordinance violations, the rate assessed on penalties under current law, any newly assessed penalty rate, and the collection rate of the assessed penalties, a precise increase in local government revenue cannot be determined. However the permissive increase in revenue to Knox County is reasonably estimated to exceed $10,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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