

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 816 - HB 726

February 21, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the State Election Commission to create a Tennessee voter bill of rights in consultation with the Coordinator of Elections and representatives of each county election commission. Requires a draft copy be sent to the State and Local Government Committee of the Senate and the Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives for further comments. Requires a copy of the bill of rights to be mailed out with each new voter registration and a copy to be posted at each polling place and each county election commission office.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,200/One-Time**

**Increase Local Expenditures – \$27,500/FY13-14\***

**\$33,100/FY14-15\***

**\$36,600/FY15-16\***

**\$58,400/FY16-17\***

**Exceeds \$30,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years\***

Assumptions:

- According to the Division of Election, 2,500 posters printed in 2012 cost \$616.47.
- The additional mailing costs to the state would be six dollars per county for a total of \$570 (\$6 x 95 counties).
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$1,186 (\$616.47 + \$570).
- According to the Division of Elections, new voter registration projections are as follows: 183,007 in FY13-14, 220,837 in FY14-15, 244,117 in FY15-16, and 389,450 in FY16-17.
- At an average cost of 15 cents per additional registration, the increase in local government expenditures is estimated as follows: \$27,451 (183,007 x \$0.15) in FY13-14, \$33,126 (220,837 x \$0.15) in FY14-15, \$36,618 (244,117 x \$0.15) in FY15-16, and \$58,418 (389,450 x \$0.15) in FY16-17.
- Information is not available for FY17-18 and subsequent years, but is reasonably expected to increase local expenditures in an amount exceeding \$30,000 each year.

\*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" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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