

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2079 – SB 2605

February 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Coordinator of Elections to file a report with the State and Local Government Committee of the Senate, the Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Speakers of each house, detailing the success or failure of a minor party in receiving recognition as a recognized minor party during the previous election cycle. Requires the report to be filed no later than February 15 of each odd numbered year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012312): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Redefines “statewide political party” as a political party that had at least one candidate for an office to be elected by voters of the entire state that received a number of votes equal to at least five percent of the total number of votes cast for gubernatorial candidates in the most recent election of Governor, effectively removing the requirement that five percent of votes must occur in the past four calendar years.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

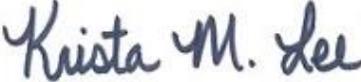
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The provisions of the bill as amended will not significantly impact the costs associated with printing ballots or voting machines; therefore, any fiscal impact is considered not significant.
- The Secretary of State confirms that redefining “statewide political party”, as defined in the bill as amended, will not result in a significant state or local fiscal impact.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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