

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 408 – HB 526

March 23, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a judge to be commissioned as a senior judge if the judge served at least a full eight-year term even though the judge lost his/her most recent reelection or retention bid.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014878): Changes the requirement in the original bill from a full eight-year term to having been elected twice and having served at least two full eight-year terms.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 17-2-303 prohibits a judge from being commissioned as a senior judge if “during the justice’s or judge’s most recent term of judicial service, sought reelection or retention but was defeated in the reelection or retention bid.”
- The bill as amended authorizes a judge to receive a senior judge commission if the judge has been elected at least twice and has served at least two full eight-year terms even though the judge lost his/her most recent reelection or retention bid.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the legislation will not significantly impact their operations.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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