

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1842 – SB 1959**

February 1, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires county election commissions in counties with populations over 65,000 to establish additional early voting polling locations. Requires the early voting locations be equally distributed throughout the county in which they are located and open at least one-half (1/2) as many total hours as the primary polling place.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures -  
\$146,900/FY19-20 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter**

**Increase Local Expenditures -  
\$500,100/FY16-17 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter\*  
\$150,100/FY17-18 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter\*  
\$302,600/FY18-19 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter\***

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Secretary of State's (SOS) office, a total of eight counties will be affected by the provisions of the bill. SOS confirms the remaining twelve counties with populations exceeding 65,000 are currently executing the provisions of the bill.
- The counties affected by the provisions of the bill are as follows: Hamilton, Montgomery, Sumner, Sullivan, Madison, Putnam, Greene and Robertson.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-12-109, the state bears the responsibility of funding the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP), with local county governments funding all other elections held.
- The first PPP affected by the provisions of the bill will take place in March 2020.
- The counties affected by the provisions of the bill will be required to purchase additional voting machines for the additional locations, hire additional staff, and would have additional rental costs, information technology costs, and other supply costs.
- Each election cycle is expected to repeat the same cycle and cost structure over every four-year period.
- Based on information provided by SOS, the election cycle is as follows in the upcoming four years: FY16-17 August & November presidential, state, and local; FY17-18 May state primary; FY18-19 August & November state and local; FY19-20 March PPP

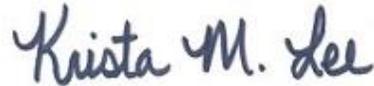
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- Based on polling information provided by the SOS, which is applicable to each county affected by the provisions of the bill, the total increases in local expenditures are estimated as follows: \$500,114 in FY16-17 and every fourth year thereafter; \$150,083 in FY17-18 and every fourth year thereafter; and \$302,626 in FY18-19 and every fourth year thereafter.
- Based on information provided by the SOS, the increase in state expenditures relative to the PPP is estimated to be \$146,883 in FY19-20 and every fourth year thereafter.
- Survey data and calculations used in reaching these estimates have been omitted from this fiscal note for the purpose of brevity. However, these calculations are on file with Fiscal Review Committee staff and can be provided upon request.

\*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.



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