

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 931 - HB 1207**

March 16, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes local supervision and regulation of humane societies with arrest powers by the sheriff of the county where the humane society is operating.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- This bill is not relevant to state government operations.
- Based on information from the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), and the Tennessee County Services Association, sheriffs that exercise supervision authority over humane societies may be open to additional liability for actions of the authorized humane society.
- The fiscal impact of this bill on local government is dependent upon several unknown factors such as the extent to which sheriffs elect to supervise and regulate humane societies, the number of humane societies, the extent to which humane societies are compliant with all federal, state, and local laws, and the timing for when any such sheriff will begin to supervise or regulate a humane society.
- Given the extent of unknown factors, a precise estimate for this bill cannot be determined. However, it is reasonable to presume the additional responsibility for sheriffs will cause a permissive recurring increase in local expenditures exceeding \$10,000 per year statewide.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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