

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 554 - SB 825**

February 21, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires applicable county election commissions to designate public institutions of higher education with 8,000 or more enrolled students as polling places during the early voting period for federal, state, and local elections. Requires that voting take place on the main campus of any such public institution of higher education. Stipulates that these requirements do not apply to special or general elections.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), there will be no cost for public institutions of higher education to provide space for elections as required by this legislation.
- Polling locations are generally held at a publicly-owned building.
- It is assumed that neither the state nor the various county election commissions currently purchase rental space in order to host early voting or regular elections for federal, state, or local elections.
- It is assumed that any costs incurred currently by county election commissions in holding elections will not be impacted by this legislation, as it only impacts where such elections are held.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

/jdb

**HB 554 - SB 825**