

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 735 - SB 940

February 22, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a person at least 16 years of age, but not more than 18 years of age to submit to be registered to vote upon turning 18 years of age through an application for a driver permit or license, or photo identification license with the Department of Safety (DOS).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$480,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-201, DOS includes a voter registration application as part of any motor vehicle driver or photo identification license application, and such applications offer individuals the option to decline to register to vote.
- According to information provided by DOS, and confirmed by the third-party contract vendor responsible for the driver license system, the cost to perform a system modification to integrate voter registration of driver license duplicates and renewals and changes of addresses at kiosks and electronic tablets is estimated to result in a one-time state expenditure of \$275,000.
- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-201, the DOS is required to provide voter registration applications to county election commissions. Under the provisions of this legislation, DOS is authorized to continue providing these electronically; as a result, there will not be a significant increase in state expenditures for providing such applications to county election commissions.
- Based on information provided by the Division of Elections, updates to the voter registration database will be required in order to include the ability to flag voters who are under the age of 18 and track and remove the confidentiality/under age flag when the voter turns 18 years of age. Such updates are estimated to result in a one-time increase in state expenditures estimated to exceed \$205,000.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures under this legislation is estimated to exceed \$480,000 (\$275,000 for the driver license system modifications + \$205,000 for voter registration database updates).

CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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