

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1398 - SB 1303

February 21, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires voter registration applications to include a space for voters to declare a state political party affiliation. Requires the following statement to be added to the application: *Notice: A voter choosing not to select a statewide political party affiliation will not be eligible to vote in a primary election.*

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – \$17,800/One-Time/Strategic Technology Solutions

Increase State Expenditures – \$71,600/One-Time/Division of Elections

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of State's Division of Elections (Division), a field indicating a voter's declared party affiliation will be added to the statewide voter registration database and require the updating of eight computer programs/interfaces.
- This work will be performed by the Department of Finance and Administration's Strategic Technology Solutions (STS), at a rate of \$89 per hour and will require 25 hours of labor per program/interface.
- There will be a one-time increase in state expenditures to the Division of \$17,800 (\$89 per hour x 25 hours x 8 programs) for updating the computer programs/interfaces as well as a corresponding one-time increase in state revenue to STS of \$17,800.
- The updating of online voter registration applications will be performed by the Division's online voter registration vendor and not STS.
- Updating online voter registration forms will result in a one-time increase in state expenditures to the Division estimated to be \$1,150 (\$115 per hour x 10 hours).
- The state will also be required to reprint voter registration applications resulting in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$52,650 (1,500,000 applications x \$0.0351 per application).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for the Division is estimated to be \$71,600 (\$17,800 computer program updates + \$1,150 online voter registration updates + \$52,650 updated printed voter registration applications).

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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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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