

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 23

January 9, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that if the Secretary of State (SOS) qualifies as a candidate for public office, the office of the SOS is automatically vacated. If, at which time such office is vacated, and the General Assembly is in recess, the Governor shall appoint a temporary SOS, whose term shall expire at the end of the next session of the General Assembly. If the General Assembly is not in recess when the office of the SOS is vacated, the General Assembly shall appoint a successor prior to adjournment, who shall serve the remainder of the term.

Establishes that if the Coordinator of Elections (COE) qualifies as a candidate for any public office, the COE is automatically vacated, and the SOS shall appoint a successor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-3-101, the SOS shall be elected by joint vote of the General Assembly, and commissioned for a term of four years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-11-201(a), the SOS shall appoint the COE, who shall serve at the pleasure of the SOS.
- Requiring the SOS and the COE to vacate their positions upon their qualifying as candidates for public office, and establishing procedures to fill such vacated positions will have no significant fiscal impact on state government.

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

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