

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 837 - HB 1002

February 22, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires eligible individuals applying for or renewing a driver license or photo identification card to be automatically registered to vote, unless the person declines registration through forms completed at the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Authorizes individuals to revoke their status as a registered voter by mailing back a notification card that had been sent with the official laminated copy of the individual's license within 21 days. Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2020.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$550,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-201, the Department of Safety (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.
- Based on information provided by the Division of Elections, updates to the voter registration database will be required in order to account for persons registered who have 21 days to decline registration. Such updates are estimated to result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$275,000.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures under this legislation is estimated to be \$550,000 (\$275,000 for the driver license system modifications + \$275,000 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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