

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1012 - HB 1432

March 21, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires, no later than January 1, 2020, all county election commissions to utilize precinct-based optical scanners.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures –**

**\$4,729,000/FY19-20 and Every Four Years Thereafter**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$57,030,000/FY19-20\***

**\$9,458,000/FY20-21 and Every Two Years Thereafter\***

**\$4,729,000/FY21-22 and Every Four Years Thereafter\***

Assumptions:

- According to information provided by the Division of Elections, 80 counties currently have Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting systems and will be required to purchase new voting systems.
- Purchasing new voting systems, including ballot scanners, ballot marking devices, privacy screens, containers for storing paper ballots, and revision of training materials will result in a mandatory one-time increase in local government expenditures in FY19-20 estimated to exceed \$52,655,900.
- In addition, local governments will need additional supplies, software, and voter education resulting in a mandatory one-time increase in local expenditures in FY19-20 estimated to exceed \$4,375,000.
- The total mandatory one-time increase in local expenditures in FY19-20 is estimated to exceed \$57,030,000 (\$52,655,000 + \$4,375,000).
- Additional expenditures will be required for each election for paper, printing supplies, system programming fees, training, and audits. The additional increase in expenditures for each election is estimated to be \$4,728,975.
- In years with a Presidential Preference Primary, the state will be responsible for such costs; therefore, in FY19-20 and every four years thereafter, there will be an increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$4,728,975.
- In FY20-21, and every two years thereafter, there will be a mandatory increase in local expenditures estimated to be \$9,457,950 (\$4,728,975 per election cycle x 2 election cycles) for the August primary and November general elections; and in FY21-22 and

every four years thereafter, there will be mandatory increase in local expenditures estimated to be \$4,728,975.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**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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