

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1784

January 23, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, upon the appointment of a redistricting committee, a publicly accessible redistricting committee page on the website of the General Assembly for redistricting-related information, including meeting notices and redistricting plans. Requires, prior to January of each year ending in “1”, and beginning in 2021, a redistricting committee to hold at least one public meeting in each grand division of the state to solicit input from individuals, groups, and communities on the development of a redistricting plan. Requires that all meetings of a redistricting committee be open to the public.

Requires, prior to the final action on a bill comprising a final redistricting plan in a full standing committee with subject matter jurisdiction over such redistricting, a 30-day period for public comment beginning on the date the final redistricting plan is published on the redistricting committee page of the General Assembly website.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,300/FY20-21 and Every Ten Years Thereafter

Assumptions:

- Requiring at least one meeting of the redistricting committee be held in each grand division of the state will result in an increase in state expenditures.
- It is assumed that in the period between July 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021, and every 10 years thereafter, there will be 1 meeting held in each grand division of the state, or 3 total – 1 in Memphis, 1 in Nashville, and 1 in Knoxville.
- This legislation does not specify how many legislative members will serve on the redistricting committee.
- It is assumed that there will be 9 committee members present at each meeting and 1 attorney from the Office of Legal Services, or 10 participants in total.
- Of the 10 participants, it is assumed that only 8 participants will receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses incurred in service of the committee, as at least 2 participants are assumed to live in close proximity of the respective meeting location at any 1 meeting.
- An average of 400 round-trip miles for 8 participants per meeting.
- Mileage reimbursement of \$0.47 per mile.
- Each participant will receive \$61 for meals and incidental for each meeting.

- An increase in state expenditures, beginning in FY20-21 and every 10 years thereafter of \$6,342 $\{[(8 \text{ participants} \times 400 \text{ miles} \times \$0.47) + (10 \text{ participants} \times \$61)] \times 3 \text{ meetings}\}$.
- There could be additional expenditures for lodging, securing public meeting spaces, and other administrative-related expenses. As a result, the increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$6,342 in FY20-21 and every 10 years thereafter.
- The General Assembly can post any redistricting information on its website through use of existing staff, requiring no additional state expense.
- It is assumed that any period of public comment required of this legislation can be accommodated through use of existing General Assembly staff at no additional state expense.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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