

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2381 - HB 2623**

February 8, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Extends, from not less than five days to not less than seven days before a hearing, the time the opposing party has to file a response to a petition under the Tennessee Public Participation Act.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-104, if a legal action is filed in response to a party's exercise of the right of free speech, right to petition, or right of association, that party may petition the court to dismiss the legal action. Such a petition may be filed within 60 calendar days from the date of service of the legal action or, in the court's discretion, at any later time that the court deems proper. A response to the petition, including any opposing affidavits, may be served and filed by the opposing party no less than five days before the hearing or, in the court's discretion, at any earlier time that the court deems proper.
- Extending the deadline an opposing party has to file a response to a petition by two days will not result in a significant impact to state or local government expenditures.

**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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