# HB 180 – SB 1386 FISCAL NOTE



## Fiscal Review Committee

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**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the criteria for real property that is eligible for deannexation by petition.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

### Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-51-104 establishes that property being used primarily for agricultural purposes shall be annexed only with the written consent of the property owner or owners.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-51-201(c), owners of real property used primarily for agricultural purposes who reside in a territory previously annexed by ordinance that was not annexed through a referendum or a request of the property owner may petition the municipality to deannex such property, if:
  - The deannexation of the property does not create an area of unincorporated territory that is completely surrounded by municipal boundaries; and
    - The owner of some or all of the property at the time the petition is made is:
      - The same owner or owners as when the property was annexed; or
      - A direct descendant of the person who owned the property at the time of annexation.
- This legislation will expand the criteria upon which owners of agricultural land, previously annexed by municipal ordinance, may deannex property so that:
  - The deannexation may create an area of unincorporated territory completely surrounded by municipal boundaries if such real property is under a permanent conservation easement; and
  - A qualifying property owner includes a business in which the majority ownership is held by individuals who are either the same owner or owners as when the property was annexed or are a direct descendant of the person who owned the property at the time of annexation.
- For any property that is deannexed as a result of the legislation, there will be a decrease in revenue to the municipality and a corresponding increase in revenue to the county, the timing and extent of which is unknown.
- However, the proposed legislation is not expected to result in a significant change in the number of properties used primarily for agricultural purposes deannexed by petition across the state.

• Any impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

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

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