

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 680 - HB 833

February 25, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a court clerk to send notice of an order of forfeiture as a condition of bail bond by regular mail.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$5,300

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-11-139(a), if a defendant, whose release is secured by real estate or sureties, does not comply with the conditions of the bail bond, the court clerk is required to enter an order declaring the bail to be forfeited and to send such notice of the order of forfeiture by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested.
- The proposed legislation requires court clerks to send such notices by regular mail.
- The estimated cost to send a notice by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested is \$6.10 per notice.
- The cost to send a notice by regular mail is \$0.55 per notice.
- Each county will send at least 10 orders of forfeiture per year.
- The proposed legislation will result in a recurring decrease in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$5,273 [(\$6.10 - \$0.55) x 95 counties x 10 notices].

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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