

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1705 – HB 1798**

January 12, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a county election commission to notify individuals of a defect in their petition for recall, referendum, or initiative.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-151(b), before a petition for recall, referendum or initiative may be circulated, at least one registered voter must file with the county election commission the proper form of the petition and the text of the question posed in the petition.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-151(c), the commission must certify whether the petition is in proper form within 30 days of filing, and individuals filing the petition have 15 days to cure any defects in their documentation by filing revised documentation in proper form. The commission must determine within 15 days whether or not the revised documentation shall be certified for final approval.
- It is assumed that the proposed legislation will not create a significant increase in the number of petitions that are filed with or certified by the county election commission.
- Notifying individuals of defects in their petitions can be accomplished with existing resources and personnel of county election commissions.

**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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