

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2118 - HB 2293

February 16, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Print Disability Absentee Voting Act* (Act), which requires the Coordinator of Elections to create an application to vote absentee by mail, to be posted on the Secretary of State's website, by which a registered voter with a print disability may request a mailed or electronically transmitted accessible ballot. Clarifies that the absentee ballot submission standards will be the same as other absentee ballot submissions. Effective August 2, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- As used in the Act, print disability means a disability that interferes with the person's ability to effectively read, write, or use printed materials, and includes blindness, low vision, and physical disabilities, such as paralysis, that interfere with such abilities.
- The proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in the number of requested absentee voting ballots or a subsequent increase in expenditures associated with mailings.
- The Coordinator of Elections will be able to create and post an accessible absentee ballot application to its website by utilizing existing resources and without a significant increase in state 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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