

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2519 - SB 2547

February 17, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the definition of eligible petitioner to include persons convicted of one misdemeanor and one single offense under Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-32-101(g)(1)(E). Adds the provision that if these offenses occurred in different counties, the expunction fees shall be split among the counties in which the offenses occurred.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-32-101(g)(1) defines “eligible petitioner”.
- The proposed legislation broadens the definition to include a person convicted of one misdemeanor and one single offense under Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-32-101(g)(1)(E).
- There is insufficient data on the number of persons that would be eligible for expungement under this proposed legislation.
- However, since the expungement law was changed by Public Chapter 1103 of the Public Acts of 2012, the number of expungements filed each year has been drastically less than estimated. Approximately one percent of original projections have been realized.
- Therefore, it is assumed that allowing persons convicted of one misdemeanor and one single offense under Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-32-101(g)(1)(E) to be considered eligible petitioners, and thus be able to petition for records expungement, will not significantly impact state or local expungement revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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