

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 217

January 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for a county mayor, county clerk, member of a county legislative body, and municipal mayor to charge a fee or demand compensation for the solemnization of a marriage. Creates a rebuttable presumption that there is an actionable basis to institute ouster proceedings for removal of the public officer from office who commits such violation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 36-3-301(c) authorizes such local public officials to accept and retain gratuity for the solemnization of marriage.
- It is not known how many such local public officials currently charge a fee or demand compensation for solemnizing marriages.
- It is assumed that upon passage of the proposed legislation, these public officials will cease charging a fee or demanding compensation.
- There will be no significant increase in Class C misdemeanor prosecutions, nor ouster proceedings, for local government to experience any significant impact to revenue or 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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