

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 227**

February 15, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the requirement that county election commissions holding a supplemental voter registration publish notice of the location and time of the supplemental registration in a newspaper of general circulation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Expenditures - \$400**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-111(a), county election commissions are authorized to hold supplemental registrations as it deems necessary before any election in locations other than the commission office.
- County election commissions will no longer be required to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation if choosing to hold such supplemental voter registration.
- Based on responses to the 2012 Local Government Survey conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee, participating local government officials reported the average cost for a newspaper notification is \$134.
- While it is unknown how many county election commissions currently elect to hold supplemental voter registrations, for which election any supplemental registration is held, and if any county election commission would opt to forgo a newspaper notification of the supplemental registration location and time, it is reasonably estimated that three newspaper notifications annually would no longer occur as a direct result of this proposed legislation.
- The recurring decrease in local government expenditures is estimated to be \$402 (\$134 per newspaper notification x 3 notifications).

**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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