TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



CORRECTED FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 1007 - HB 1254

March 29, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006135): Removes the requirement for a voter's social security number to be included on a computerized voter signature list by a county election commission. Allows for a voter to sign a printed voter application if there is not a place for their signature on the electronic poll book screen. Removes the requirement that all primary ballots are a certain color, as prescribed by the state primary board, that is different from every other party's ballots.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

The fiscal memorandum issued on March 21, 2023, was in error. The corrected fiscal impact is as follows:

(CORRECTED)

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 2-7-112 currently requires a voter's social security number or their voter identification number to be included on a computerized voter signature list.
- Section 303 (a)(1)(A) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), enacted in 2002, requires each state to implement a computerized statewide voter registration list, coordinated with other agency databases, which contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in the state and assign each voter a unique identifier.
- Tennessee uses a voter's social security number as the unique identifier required by HAVA.
- There will not be a significant fiscal impact for the Division of Elections or local election commissions to meet the requirements of the proposed legislation since it does not delete the authorization to use social security numbers for county and statewide voter lists.
- Allowing for county election commissions to use uniform primary ballots on noncolored paper may result in a decrease in expenditures associated with printing and acquiring materials; however, any such decrease will be minimal.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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