

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1943 - SB 2079

February 18, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that a county election commission publish notification of supplemental voter registrations to be conducted at a planned and group naturalization ceremony. Removes the early voting period for certain elections when no opposition exists and no notice has been provided for a write-in candidate.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures –

\$5,700/FY18-19 and Every Two Years Thereafter

\$5,700/FY21-22 and Every Two Years Thereafter

Other Fiscal Impact - The frequency, timing, and location of any eliminated early voting period cannot be determined; however for any early voting period eliminated, the result will be a decrease in local government expenditures ranging from \$3,700 to \$237,600 depending on the county.

Assumptions:

- The proposed language would remove the requirement that county election commissions publish a newspaper notification of the intent to hold a supplemental voter registration at a planned and group naturalization ceremony.
- Based on a survey of county election offices conducted by the Division of Elections, removal of such notification will result in a decrease in local government expenditures of \$5,748 statewide in each FY18-19 and every two years thereafter and in FY21-22 and every two years thereafter.
- The proposed language would remove the early voting period in a regular or special general election not held in conjunction with the regular August or November general election, a May primary, or the Presidential Preference Primary, if there is no opposition for any of the offices involved and no notice of a write-in candidate has been provided.
- Based on information provided by the Division of Elections, early voting costs vary based on the size of the county, with costs ranging from \$3,715 to \$237,528 per early voting cycle.

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- The frequency, timing, and location of any early voting period no longer required as a direct result of this legislation is unknown; however, it will result in a decrease in local government expenditures ranging from \$3,715 to \$237,528 per early voting period eliminated.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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