

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2345 - HB 2634

March 13, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a voter to vote in a primary election regardless of whether they are a bona fide member of and affiliated with the political party in whose primary they seek to vote. Deletes the Class C misdemeanor associated with voting in such a primary. Removes the requirement that an officer of elections post a sign explaining this Class C misdemeanor at each polling place.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- On average, there is no incarceration time associated with a Class C misdemeanor; therefore, the deletion of this will not result in any decrease in local expenditures.
- Any decrease in fines associated with the removal of this Class C misdemeanor will be not significant.
- It is not anticipated that opening primary elections will result in a significant increase in voter participation and can therefore be handled within existing county election commission resources.
- Since the required sign at each polling location is assumed to be reused each election, removing the requirement to post the sign will not result in any decrease in expenditures to local governments.

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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