

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2948 - SB 2903**

March 14, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a process by which members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the majority party and of the minority party, by joint caucus and in an open meeting, nominate a person to run as their party's candidate for the United States Senate in the general election. Authorizes a minor party to nominate a person for United States Senate by any method authorized under the rules of the party or by primary election.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Since the primary election for United States senators occurs in the same primary election as for other offices, removing senatorial candidates from the ballot will not result in any significant decrease in state or local expenditures associated with holding primary elections.
- There may be some decrease in expenditures associated with campaigning for individuals vying to become a party's nominee; however, all of these funds are borne of private costs and will not be reflected in state or local savings.
- The proposed legislation will authorize members of the General Assembly to hold a joint caucus as often as twice every six years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-1-106(a), General Assembly members are eligible for reimbursement for attendance at meetings related to legislative duties; however, the proposed joint caucus meeting does not fall under these duties and will therefore not be eligible for state reimbursement.
- The proposed legislation will not have any significant fiscal impact to state or 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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