

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2380 - SB 2913**

March 3, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a court to waive the court costs for a petition to restore a person's rights.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Revenue – \$13,000/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-21-401(b)(1)(D)(iv), a court clerk shall charge a standard court cost of \$100 at the institution of a case of restoration of citizenship.
- Each county may charge additional fees, which vary widely. For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed the average total cost for a petition is \$175.
- To the extent a court waives the court costs, there will be a permissive decrease in local revenue of \$175 per case.
- There has been an approximate average of 740 successful restoration of rights in Tennessee each year.
- It is assumed that a court will waive court costs of at least 10 percent of these successful petitions, resulting in at least 74 (740 x 10%) waivers each year.
- The proposed legislation will result in a permissive, recurring decrease in local revenue of \$12,950 (74 x \$175).

**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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