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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017173): Authorizes a person who has been convicted of an infamous crime to register to vote and to vote if the person's right of suffrage, rather than full rights of citizenship, have been restored.

Authorizes a court to partially restore a person's rights, provided that the right to possess a firearm cannot be restored unless the person's full citizenships rights have been restored. Defines "citizenship rights" for purposes of restoration.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-143, a person who has been convicted of an infamous crime cannot register to vote or vote unless the person has been pardoned by the Governor or had their full rights of citizenship restored.
- The proposed legislation authorizes such a person to register to vote or vote if the person has had their right of suffrage restored.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-29-105, a court may find and so order a person's full citizenship rights to be restored.
- The proposed legislation authorizes a court to restore one or more citizenship rights without restoring all citizenship rights, which include the right to serve on a jury, suffrage, hold public office, and execute a fiduciary office.
- It is further specified in this legislation that the court is prohibited from ordering the right to possess a firearm unless the person's full citizenship rights have been restored.
- The proposed legislation requires the court to send a copy of the order to the State Coordinator of Elections.
- Under the current law, a court is already required to send a copy of an order restoring full citizenship rights to the coordinator of elections. Therefore, this will not significantly impact state expenditures or operations.
- The proposed legislation does not indicate any waiver or reduction of court costs or application fees in cases where a court partially restores a person's rights. Therefore, this will not significantly impact local government revenue or operations.

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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