

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 160 – SB 192

February 22, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes voting to occur at institutions designated for elderly or disabled persons that have a qualified staff who regularly assess residents and attest that the population consists of persons of which at least 35 percent are frail, as defined by federal law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-601(a), in the case of individuals who are full-time residents of any licensed nursing home, home for the aged, or similar licensed institution providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than a penal institution, the county election commission of each county is required to send one absentee voting deputy to represent the majority party and one absentee voting deputy to represent the minority party, for the purpose of processing, assisting the voter who may be entitled to assistance and attesting absentee ballot applications and ballots.
- The proposed legislation requires county election commissions to include institutions designated for elderly or disabled persons that have a qualified staff who regularly assess residents and attest that the population consists of persons of which at least 35 percent are frail, as defined by federal law, as authorized voting locations that would require absentee voting deputies representing both statewide political parties.
- Authorizing voting to occur at these institutions will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government because it would not significantly increase the number of absentee voting deputies being sent out to assist voters.

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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