



Fiscal Review Committee Tennessee General Assembly

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SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the offices of sheriff, register, county clerk, assessor of property, and trustee within any county that has adopted a charter form of government to independently develop the budget for their respective offices and submit the budget directly to the county legislative body (CLB). Requires such offices to adhere to such budget, as approved by the CLB, both in total and in line item detail, except such offices may approve transfers between line items within the total amount of each category of personnel and operational-maintenance, as set forth in the approved budget. Requires that such offices submit budget amendments from line items in personnel categories to operational-maintenance categories, and vice versa, to the CLB. Prohibits a CLB from implementing any personnel or operational restrictions on such offices.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, only Knox County and Shelby County have adopted a county charter.
- This legislation impacts the budgetary process to which a county must adhere, but will not directly impact the overall cost of any such budget, as the CLB of each county will still be required to grant final approval of its respective budget.
- Local offices will develop individual budgets utilizing existing staff and resources; any increase in local expenditures is not significant.
- Authorizing these offices to approve transfers between line items within the total amount of each category of personnel and operational-maintenance in the approved budget may result in shifts of local expenditures from one purpose to another but will not impact net budgeted expenditures.
- Any impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Executive Director

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