TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 197 - HB 387

March 25, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Davidson County Election Commission to collaborate with the Metro Council, Secretary of State, and County Sheriff to establish one or more satellite voting locations at detention facilities within the county and register eligible voters in such facilities. Authorizes the Davidson County Election Commission to set the day and times in which voting will be conducted at each satellite location.

Requires Davidson County jails to provide a voter registration application to a person in custody who requests an application and make current resources regarding voting rights of a person with a criminal conviction, maintained by the Election Commission and Secretary of State, available. Expires the provisions of the legislation on December 31, 2022.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Davidson County Sheriff's Office encompasses five facilities throughout the county.
- The Davidson County Election Commission is authorized to determine the day or days, hours, and timing when voting will be conducted at the satellite locations. The schedules at the satellite locations do not have to be uniform.
- Davidson County residents who are in custody at a county jail are the only voters eligible to vote at satellite locations.
- The satellite voting locations are estimated to be effective for three elections before the provisions are repealed on December 31, 2022.
- Any expenditures for the Davidson County Election commission to provide a satellite voting location at detention facilities in the county under the provisions of the proposed legislation before December 31, 2022 can be absorbed within existing resources.
- Davidson County jails can provide a requested voter registration application and make resources regarding voting rights available within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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