

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 595 - SB 635

February 9, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the provision that limits the availability of recall elections for school board members to only Madison County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - A vote to recall undertaken to remove a local board of education member from the respective board will result in the permissive increase in local expenditures reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-213 only Madison County is authorized to remove a member of the local board of education through a recall election; the proposed legislation will authorize all counties in Tennessee to hold recall elections to remove a member of the local board of education.
- Any local government holding a special election would incur one-time expenditures; however, the cost will vary based on the population of the local government holding the special election.
- Based on information provided by the State Division of Elections, a special election costs between \$10,207 for a small county such as Lake County and \$597,022 for Shelby County.
- Based on information provided by the State Division of Elections, a special election costs a municipality between \$8,800 (the city of Luttrell with a population of 1,080) and \$715,000 (the city of Memphis with a population of 646,900).
- The number of local governments that will hold a special election is unknown; however, if a local government holds a special election it will result in a permissive increase in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$10,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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