

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 603 - SB 646

February 20, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires county election commissions to issue a notice to a candidate or campaign committee demanding the removal of signage on publicly owned property more than three weeks after an election. Requires the candidate or campaign committee to remove all signs within 10 calendar days after receiving the notice, and authorizes county election commissions to levy a civil penalty of up to \$50 per day per parcel of property after the 10 calendar days if the signs are not removed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$57,800/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- County election commissions will be required to hold meetings in order to issue the notices or fines created by the proposed legislation.
- According to information provided by the Secretary of State (SOS) and collected from county election commissions, the average cost for a county election commission to hold a meeting is approximately \$494.
- Prior to holding a meeting, the county election commission must inform the public of the commission's meeting, which can be accomplished by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, which costs an average of \$114.
- Assuming that every county election commission holds an average of one additional meeting annually for the purpose put forth in the proposed legislation, there will be an increase in local expenditures of \$57,760 [(\$494 x 95 counties) + (\$114 x 95 counties)] in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- Any fees collected by the civil penalties are assumed to be not significant.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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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