

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 845 - SB 832

March 20, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the five-member Tennessee Congressional Redistricting Commission (TCRC) for the purpose of developing and submitting to the General Assembly, a redistricting plan for the Congressional seats of Tennessee. The TCRC may employ the services of experts, consultants, and support staff as necessary. Requires the TCRC to hold open meetings, solicit comments from the public, and maintain a website.

The TCRC will be established in January of 2021 and reestablished every ten years. Each TCRC will terminate and cease to exist on the day after the first regularly-scheduled general election for federal office until a new TCRC is reestablished as required by this legislation. Requires the General Assembly to appropriate funds to enable the TCRC to carry out its duties, with any unused funding reverting back to the General Fund at the TCRC's termination. Members will be reimbursed for travel expenses but not receive compensation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures –
Exceeds \$85,500/FY20-21 and Every Ten Years Thereafter**

Assumptions:

- The TCRC shall be established in January of 2021 and will terminate in November of 2022; therefore all costs associated with the TCRC will be appropriated in FY20-21 and expended in FY20-21 through FY21-22. Expenditures will be considered one-time, but will reoccur once every ten years.
- The TCRC will be administratively attached to the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT), who shall serve as the nonvoting fifth member of the TCRC.
- The COT will be responsible for all administrative matters relating to receipts, disbursements, expense accounts, budget, audit and other related items.
- The four other members of the TCRC will be appointed by the two political leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives and are prohibited from holding public office; therefore, no members of the General Assembly will be allowed to serve.
- The TCRC will be authorized to employ experts, consultants and staff as necessary, required to maintain a website, and members will be reimbursed for travel expenses.
- Due to multiple unknown factors such as who will be appointed to serve, how far such persons will have to travel in order to attend meetings, and the frequency of such

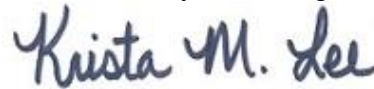
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meetings, a precise increase in state expenditures for reimbursement of TCRC members cannot be determined but is reasonably estimated to exceed \$500.

- Due to multiple unknown factors such as the rate of compensation for any experts, consultants, and staff which may be required, the number of staff hired, and the extent of any benefits which will be given to any staff, a precise increase in state expenditures cannot be specifically determined, but is reasonably estimated to exceed \$75,000.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for various supplies for staff and TCRC members as well as costs associated with development of a website are estimated to exceed \$10,000.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for FY20-21 and every ten years thereafter is estimated to exceed \$85,500 (\$500 travel reimbursement + \$75,000 costs for staff and experts + \$10,000 supplies and website).

CERTIFICATION:

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



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