

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 889 - SB 934

March 12, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, upon the appointment of a redistricting committee, a publicly accessible redistricting committee page on the website of the General Assembly for redistricting-related information, including meeting notices and redistricting plans. Requires, prior to January of each year ending in “1”, and beginning in 2021, a redistricting committee to hold at least one public meeting in each grand division of the state to solicit input from individuals, groups, and communities on the development of a redistricting plan. Requires that all meetings of a redistricting committee be open to the public.

Requires, prior to the final action on a bill comprising a final redistricting plan in a full standing committee with subject matter jurisdiction over such redistricting, a 30-day period for public comment beginning on the date the final redistricting plan is published on the redistricting committee page of the General Assembly website.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,300/FY20-21 and Every Ten Years Thereafter

Assumptions:

- Requiring at least one meeting of the redistricting committee be held in each grand division of the state will result in an increase in state expenditures.
- It is assumed that in the period between July 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021, and every 10 years thereafter, there will be one meeting held in each grand division of the state, or three total – one in Memphis, one in Nashville, and one in Knoxville.
- This legislation does not specify how many legislative members will serve on the redistricting committee.
- It is assumed that there will be 9 committee members present at each meeting and 1 attorney from the Office of Legal Services, or 10 participants in total.
- Of the 10 participants, it is assumed that only 8 participants will receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses incurred in service of the committee, as at least two participants are assumed to live in close proximity of the respective meeting location at any one meeting.
- An average of 400 round-trip miles for 8 participants per meeting.
- Mileage reimbursement of \$0.47 per mile.
- Each participant will receive \$61 for meals and incidental for each meeting.

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- An increase in state expenditures, beginning in FY20-21 and every 10 years thereafter of \$6,342 $\{[(8 \text{ participants} \times 400 \text{ miles} \times \$0.47) + (10 \text{ participants} \times \$61)] \times 3 \text{ meetings}\}$.
- There could be additional expenditures for lodging, securing public meeting spaces, and other administrative-related expenses. As a result, the increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$6,342 in FY20-21 and every 10 years thereafter. .
- The General Assembly can post any redistricting information on its website through use of existing staff, requiring no additional state expense.
- It is assumed that any period of public comment required of this legislation can be accommodated through use of existing General Assembly staff at no additional state expense.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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