

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1363 - HB 1436**

March 11, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes a three-judge panel, comprised of judges from the court of appeals appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to adjudicate cases challenging state legislative or congressional districts in the chancery court of Davidson County. Specifies the judges are appointed from each grand division and cannot be a former member of the General Assembly.

Establishes the statute of limitations for any action filed as one year after the date of the first statewide general election following the enactment of the public chapter that apportioned or redistricted the state legislative or congressional districts being challenged. Authorizes that any party dissatisfied with the final judgment of the three-judge panel may appeal to the Supreme Court within 30 days from the entry of the judgment.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Under this legislation, the panel is comprised of current court of appeals judges who will work within the chancery court of Davidson County.
- Currently, the court of appeals panel meets monthly in Jackson, Knoxville, and Nashville, and in alternate locations, when necessary.
- The redistricting for state legislative and congressional districts takes place following the release of the United States Census every ten years.
- Following the latest redistricting in 2012, pursuant to Public Chapter 512 (2012), there was only one lawsuit related to process filed, *Moore v. Tennessee*.
- Given the few expected cases filed, there will be no additional personnel or resources necessary.
- Any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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