# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



### FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2488 - SB 2390

May 28, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Effective January 1, 2021, deletes the requirement for candidates and political campaign committees to file a pre-primary and pre-general election statement detailing all contributions in the period between the last day of the most recent quarterly statement through the 10th day before the election. Deletes the requirement for candidates and political campaign committees to submit a statement detailing all contributions in the period between the 10th day prior to a primary, general, or runoff election through midnight on the day of the election.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017561):** Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is deleting monetary limits of contributions or expenditures required to be reported on statements of contributions.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-105(a) and (b), statements of campaign contributions are filed with the Registry of Election Finance (Registry) for state elections, and county election commissions for local elections.
- According to the Registry Rules for Campaign Financial Disclosure, there is no fee for a candidate or political campaign committee to file a statement of campaign contributions.
- The Registry, and a majority of the local county election commissions, authorizes candidates and political campaign committees to file statements of campaign contributions electronically.
- Deleting the requirement for candidates and political campaign committees to submit two pre-election contribution statements will not result in a significant decrease in workload to the Registry or local county election commissions.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-107, a statement of contribution is required to be submitted for each contribution and expenditure exceeding \$100.
- The proposed legislation requires a contribution or expenditure in a campaign fund of any amount to be reported.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

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

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