TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 115 - HB 447

March 25, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Extends the termination date of the Trial Court Vacancy Commission to June 30, 2024. Under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, the Commission is schedule to terminate on June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006128): Adds language to the original bill which would require a member of the Trial Court Vacancy Commission missing four hearings due to unexcused absences to vacate the member's office.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This bill continues an existing entity at its current funding level.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Commission's expenditures were \$6,676 in FY16-17 and \$18,074 in FY17-18.
- There are 11 members of the Commission. Five are appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, five by the Speaker of the House, and one is jointly appointed by both Speakers.
- In the event a vacancy occurs on the Commission due to four unexcused absences, a new appointment will be made by the appropriate appointing authority. Any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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