

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 469 - SB 611

March 6, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies that property held in a Roth IRA should be treated like other tax-deferred accounts with regard to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Removes the age minimum of when property is presumed to be abandoned, to effectively set such an age at the same required minimum as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Decreases, from \$50 to \$25, the value per item that the State Treasurer is not required to have the owner of the abandoned property provide their identifying information to return the property to them, if the Treasurer finds the information unnecessary for returning the property to the apparent owner. Authorizes the Treasurer to waive the requirement of anyone submitting the claim for property rather than just agencies, local governments, public institutions of higher education, or local education agencies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Any increase or shift in the timing or amount of property returned to apparent owners from the Unclaimed Property Fund, if any, cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Treasury, setting the age minimum to the IRS age minimum, and reducing minimum value per property at which the State Treasurer is no longer required to provide their identifying information will have no impact on the current processes or procedures of the Department of Treasury.
- Authorizing the State Treasurer to return unclaimed property to anyone, rather than just agencies, local governments, public institutions of higher education, or local education agencies could result in an increase in property returned to apparent owners or shift the timing of such return.
- The current balance of the Unclaimed Property Fund is approximately \$957,000,000.
- The precise amount and timing of any such change is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

Other Commerce Impact – Any Increase in business revenue as a result of property being returned to the apparent owner from the Unclaimed Property Fund, if any, cannot be reasonably determined.

Jobs Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The precise amount and timing of any such change is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.
- Any impact to jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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