

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1832 – SB 2011

February 3, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an advisory task force to review the composition of Tennessee’s current judicial districts. Establishes that the task force be comprised of 11 members including two citizen members, three judges, three district attorneys, and three public defenders representing each grand division of the state. All members are appointed jointly by the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives. The task force will be appointed by July 31, 2031 and by July 1 every 10 years thereafter.

The task force will cease to exist after recommendations and findings are published for a statewide judicial redistricting plan no later than January 1, 2032 and every 10 years thereafter. Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide support services to the task force.

Requires the General Assembly to reapportion the judicial districts and promote the efficient utilization of publicly funded resources allocated for the courts by December 31 of each year following receipt of the proposed plan. Requires funding for each judicial district that has a disproportionately high number of judges, as determined by the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT), be reduced by 10 percent during the subsequent fiscal year, if the legislature fails to pass legislation to reapportion the judicial districts and promote the efficient utilization of publicly funded resources allocated for the courts by December 31 of each year following receipt of the proposed plan. Requires the COT to report its findings to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures –
Exceeds \$3,900/FY31-32 and Every Ten Years Thereafter**

Assumptions:

- The advisory task force to review the composition of Tennessee’s current judicial districts, as created by Public Chapter 974 (2018), terminated in November, 2020, upon completion of the task force's report and recommendations.
- It is reasonably assumed expenditures associated with the former would be similar to those of the newly required task force under this legislation.
- According to the AOC, expenditures for the task force were \$3,865 in FY18-19 and \$3,586 in FY19-20.

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- The increase in state expenditures associated with the newly required task force is estimated to exceed \$3,865 in FY31-32 and every ten years thereafter.
- To the extent the legislature fails to pass legislation to reapportion the judicial districts and promote the efficient utilization of publicly funded resources allocated for the courts by December 31 of each year following receipt of the proposed plan, funding for each judicial district that has a disproportionately high number of judges, as determined by COT, will be reduced by 10 percent during the subsequent fiscal year.
- Due to multiple unknown factors, including, but not limited to, COT's determination regarding judicial districts that have a disproportionately high number of judges and the funding of any such district, any decrease in state expenditures cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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