

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2716 - SB 2634

February 7, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a local legislative body from electing a previously expelled General Assembly (GA) member to fill a vacant seat in the GA, if the vacancy was created due to the expulsion of a member for disorderly behavior.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-14-203, a legislative body of a vacant county of residence may elect an interim successor to serve until a regular election.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-14-204, to fill a vacancy a person must be a qualified voter of the district represented and should be eligible to succeed the vacant seat.
- The provisions of this legislation would add expulsion for disorderly behavior to the list of current provisions that render a person as ineligible for public office such as age, citizenship, and certain crimes.
- Not filling a vacant seat with a person who has previously been expelled from the GA would not result in a significant fiscal impact to local or state government as a special election for the vacancy would still commence.

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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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