

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2785 - SB 2838**

February 10, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a lobbyist from serving as a member of any board, commission, or governing body of a governmental entity of state or local government. Removes the exemption allowing a paid lobbyist to serve on an election commission if such lobbyist was serving on February 15, 2006 and had served continuously. Takes effect January 1, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Currently, under Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(m), lobbyists are prohibited from serving as a member of a board, commission, or governmental entity of state government which has jurisdiction to regulate the business endeavors or professional activities of any employer of the lobbyist.
- The proposed legislation would expand the prohibition to any board, commission, or governing body of a governmental entity of state or local government.
- It is expected that there have been no paid lobbyists serving on boards, commissions, or governing bodies from January 1, 2022 to now, nor any paid lobbyists serving continuously on an election commission since February 2006.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-306(a)(2)(B), the Tennessee Ethics Commission is authorized to assess a civil penalty up to \$10,000 if a person knowingly violates the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304.
- There is not estimated to be a sufficient number of civil penalties to result in any significant increase in revenue.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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