HOUSE BILL 33

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, relative to construction of statutes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-105, is amended by redesignating the current section as subsection (a) and adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) As used in this code, the words "husband", "wife", "mother", and "father" shall be given their natural and ordinary meaning, without forced or subtle construction that would limit or extend the meaning of the language and that are based on the biological distinctions between men and women, except when a contrary intention is clearly manifest.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.