

# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 142**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 172**

**By Hensley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 159

By Capley, Butler, Doggett, Lamberth, Haston, Brock Martin, Ragan, Barrett, McCalmon, Littleton, Garrett, Richey, Reedy, Grills, Crawford, Tim Hicks, Sherrell, Russell, Eldridge, Slater, Moody, Howell, Hawk, Alexander, Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 49, relative to the possession of weapons on school property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following:

(2)(A) It is not an offense under this subsection (b) for a nonstudent adult to possess a pocket knife while the adult is on school property for the sole purpose of voting in an election if the pocket knife is concealed on the adult's person and is not handled by the adult, or by any other person acting with the expressed or implied consent of the adult.


(B) As used in this subdivision (b)(2), "pocket knife" means a knife with one (1) or more blades that fold or collapse into the knife's attached handle and that can be carried inside a person's pocket when collapsed or folded.

(3) A violation of this subsection (b) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: March 23, 2023

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR