

HOUSE BILL 168

By Wright

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 5 and Title 12, relative to county government.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a county employee is disqualified from serving as a member of the county legislative body for the county that employs such county employee, by reason of being a county employee. A member of a county legislative body who is a county employee on the effective date of this act is not disqualified and may continue in office as a member of the county legislative body pursuant to this subdivision (c)(1) for the remainder of the member's term. A member of a county legislative body who is a county employee on the effective date of this act who is reelected to the county legislative body on or after that date without any interruption in holding such office may continue in office as a member of the county legislative body.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-210(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(4) For the size, method of election, qualification for holding office, method of removal, and procedures of the county legislative body with such other provisions with respect to such body as are normally related to the organization, powers, and duties of governing bodies in counties; provided, that, a county employee is disqualified from serving as a member of the county legislative body for the county that employs such county employee, by reason of being a county employee. A member of a county

legislative body who is a county employee on the effective date of this act is not disqualified and may continue in office as a member of the county legislative body for the remainder of the member's term. A member of a county legislative body who is a county employee on the effective date of this act who is reelected to the county legislative body on or after that date without any interruption in holding such office may continue in office as a member of the county legislative body.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.