HOUSE BILL 468

By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to campaign expenditures.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection thereto:

(I) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a candidate and the candidate's political campaign committee may make expenditures for advertising for the candidate's campaign no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days before the beginning of early voting for an election and no later than ninety (90) days after the last election in which the candidate participates. For purposes of this subsection (I), "advertising", means direct mail, ads aired on radio and television, printed ads in newspapers and periodicals, and other widely distributed material which is meant to influence a nomination for election or election of any person for public office. For purposes of this subsection (I), "expenditure" has the same meaning as that term is defined in § 2-10-102(6)(A).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.