

HOUSE BILL 561

By Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
relative to municipal elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-208, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead:

Notwithstanding a charter provision or § 6-31-104 to the contrary, municipal elections may be conducted on a partisan or nonpartisan basis. If at least one (1) county primary board of a political party elects to conduct municipal elections on a partisan basis in a municipality, then a person seeking to be elected to a municipal office in that municipality may campaign as the nominee or representative of a political party, and political parties may nominate candidates for municipal office by any method authorized under the rules of the party or by primary election under this title.

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