

HOUSE BILL 671

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-112 and Section 2-9-117, relative to elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-112(b), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) This section does not disqualify a person who serves on a county or city board of public utilities provided such person serves voluntarily or is compensated less than six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year for such service.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-9-117, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) The state coordinator of elections and the state election commission shall certify each voting system for purchase and use in the state. In determining whether a voting system may be certified, the state coordinator of elections and the state election commission shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Whether any new voting system has been certified by the election assistance commission;

(2) The history of ethical conduct in the sales of the voting system by the manufacturer or seller;

(3) The ability of the manufacturer or seller of the voting system to provide adequate professional assistance and service to the counties of this state; and

(4) The performance of the voting system in an election of a substantial size in another state or in an approved jurisdiction within this state. The voting

system must be viewed by at least two (2) state election commissioners of opposite political parties and the coordinator of elections, or the coordinator's designee. The jurisdiction where the voting system is viewed must be agreed upon by a majority of the members on the state election commission.

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