HOUSE BILL 751

By Montgomery

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50 and Title 55, relative to workers' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(B) The speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate and the governor shall each appoint one (1) employer and one (1) employee representative to the council, who shall be voting members. Representatives, officers and employees from labor organizations or business trade organizations are eligible for appointment. In making the appointments of the employer representatives, the appointing authorities shall strive to ensure a balance of a commercially-insured employer, self-insured employer or an employer who operates a small business. At least one (1) employer representative shall be a representative from self-insured pools. At least one (1) employee representative shall be from organized labor and shall be selected from a list of three (3) names provided by the state labor council of the AFL-CIO. Proxy voting is prohibited by voting members of the council; provided, however, that in instances where a voting member will be absent from a vote of the council, the member's appointing authority is authorized to appoint an alternate or designee for the vote or votes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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