



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 473

SENATE BILL NO. 978

By Pody

Substituted for: House Bill No. 828

By Rudd, Garrett, Barrett, Richey, Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to polling places.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-115, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)(1) On primary election days, a sign that is a minimum of eight and one-half inches by eleven inches (8.5"x11") with a yellow background and bold, black text containing the following language must be posted in each polling place:

It's the Law! Please Read...

It is a violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-115(b), and punishable as a crime under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-102 or Section 2-19-107, if a person votes in a political party's primary without being a bona fide member of or affiliated with that political party, or to declare allegiance to that party without the intent to affiliate with that party.

(2) The officer of elections at each polling place shall ensure that the sign prescribed by subdivision (c)(1) is posted in a prominent, highly visible location within the polling place.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2023



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR