

HOUSE BILL 895

By Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1,
Chapter 3, relative to human life.

WHEREAS, the right to life guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Tennessee is vested in each human being, and is the paramount and most fundamental right of a person; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Sanctity of Human Life Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The life of each human being begins with fertilization, cloning, or its functional equivalent, irrespective of sex, health, function or disability, defect, stage of biological development, or condition of dependency, at which time every human being shall have all the legal and constitutional attributes and privileges of personhood.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Cloning" means the process called somatic cell nuclear transfer, that combines an enucleated egg and the nucleus of a somatic cell to make a human embryo;

(2) "Fertilization" means the process of a human spermatozoan penetrating the cell membrane of a human oocyte to create a human zygote, a one-celled human embryo, which is a new, unique human being; and

(3) "Human" and "human being" include each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, beginning with the earliest stage of

development, created by the process of fertilization, cloning, or its functional equivalent.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.