

HOUSE BILL 1227

By Dennis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 16 and Title 17, relative to judges.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-309, is amended by deleting subsections (b) and (c) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following new language:

(b) If, following these consultations, the supreme court appoints a senior justice or judge, the administrative director of the courts shall file a report with the commissioner of finance and administration and with the finance, ways and means and government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate judiciary committee, and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives stating the number of justices or judges to be appointed, the reasons for the appointment and the circuits or courts expected to be served.

(c) By no later than February 1 of each year, the administrative director of the courts shall file a report concerning the utilization of the senior justices and judges with the finance, ways and means and government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate judiciary committee, and the civil justice committee of the house of representatives and with the commissioner of finance and administration. The report shall identify the:

- (1) Persons serving as senior justices or judges during the prior calendar year and the date and length of their appointments;
- (2) Court or courts on which each justice or judge worked during the prior calendar year;

(3) Number of weeks each justice or judge worked during the prior calendar year; and

(4) Total expenses for the program during the prior calendar year showing the:

(A) Total personnel expenses for the senior justices and judges;

(B) Total expenses for support personnel;

(C) Total expenditures for office space, furniture, books and equipment; and

(D) Total expenditures for travel and related items.

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