

HOUSE BILL 1557

By McDaniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-102, relative to senatorial districts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-102, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Senators elected to the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly shall, until the next general election for senators, represent their respective districts as constituted prior to the effective date of this act. Nothing in this section shall be construed as depriving any member of the senate of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly of such member's office, or as affecting or modifying the constitutional requirement of staggered senatorial terms, or as affecting or modifying any other provisions of Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee. At the November 2012 general election, and thereafter until changed by law, senators shall be elected to represent the districts as constituted and provided by this section. On the date of such November 2012 general election and thereafter until changed by law, senators shall represent the districts as constituted and provided by this section. If an election is required prior to the general election in November 2012, to fill a vacancy in accordance Article II, Section 15(a) of the Constitution of Tennessee, then the election to fill the vacancy shall be held in the district as constituted and provided prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-102(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "2000" and by substituting instead the language "2010".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-102(e), is amended by deleting the language "shall be contiguous and," and by substituting instead the language "shall be contiguous and contiguity by water is sufficient, and,".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.