

HOUSE BILL 1574

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 29, relative to the restoration of voting
rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-202, is amended by deleting the language "a person shall not be eligible" wherever it appears in subsections (b) and (c) and substituting instead the language "a person who has been convicted of a Class A or B felony shall not be eligible".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-203, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the issuing authority shall issue a certificate of voting rights restoration to a person rendered infamous and deprived of the right of suffrage upon the person's pardon or discharge if:

(1) The person has not been convicted of a Class A or B felony or disqualifying offense under § 40-29-204; and

(2) The person is eligible to apply for a voter registration card and have the right of suffrage restored pursuant to § 40-29-202(a).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.