

HOUSE BILL 1918

By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17,
Chapter 2, relative to judicial officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-123(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in any county having a metropolitan form of government and having a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the circuit court judges of such county" and substituting instead "Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the circuit or chancery court judges of a county".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-123(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in any county having a metropolitan form of government and a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the circuit courts" and substituting instead "Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the circuit or chancery courts".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-123(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "respective circuit court" and substituting the language "respective circuit or chancery court".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-123(b)(2), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Matters related to probate.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-123(b)(5), is amended by deleting the language "circuit court judge" and substituting the language "circuit or chancery court judge".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-123, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() This section applies in a county upon the adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the county legislative body authorizing the appointment of masters. A county to which this section applied before the effective date of this act is not required to adopt this section and may continue to appoint masters.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.