



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 992

SENATE BILL NO. 1688

By Briggs, Bailey, Gresham, Harris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1938

By Ragan, Reedy, Alexander, Moon, Camper, Hardaway, Favors, Calfee, Kumar, Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces running for political office.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-104, is amended by deleting the last sentence of the section and substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in § 2-13-1__, a party may require by rule that candidates for its nominations be bona fide members of the party.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

A person who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces, a member of the Tennessee national guard, a member of the Tennessee air national guard, or an inactive reservist of any of the United States uniformed military services in good standing must not be disqualified as a candidate for any office if, for service-related reasons, that person was unable to comply with a statewide political party's or recognized minor party's rules for candidacy for nomination for such party, and such service-related reasons are the sole reason the person is unable to qualify.

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

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PASSED: April 25, 2018



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR