

HOUSE BILL 2096

By Vaughan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 5, relative to voting equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The county election commission shall:

- (1) Select the voting machines to be purchased for use in the county; and
- (2) Ensure the destruction of the voting machines when the machines are deemed obsolete.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-9-112, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) In lieu of the governing body of a county entering into the contract, lease, and option agreement, a county election commission may, in its sole discretion, elect by majority vote to enter into the contract, lease, and option agreement.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-9-111, is amended by deleting the following language:

The governing body of a city, town or county may adopt voting machines and, upon the adoption and purchase of voting machines, shall provide for payment for the machines in the way it deems for the best interest of the locality and may for that purpose issue bonds, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations which shall be a charge on the city, town or county.

and substituting instead:

Upon the adoption of voting machines or replacement of voting machines by a county election commission, the governing body of a city, town, or county shall provide for payment for the machines in the way it deems necessary for the best interest of the locality, except as provided in § 2-9-112(b), and may for that purpose issue bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations which must be a charge on the city, town, or county.

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