HOUSE BILL 2496

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, relative to prohibiting the use of chain gangs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no inmate shall be chained, tied, or otherwise restrained in a manner that joins the inmate to one (1) or more other inmates while engaged in work within or outside a prison, jail, or workhouse facility pursuant to this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.