

HOUSE BILL 2547

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3 and Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 1, relative to the offense of legislative bribery.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 39-16-109.

(a) A member of the general assembly commits the offense of legislative bribery when the member offers to vote, promises to vote or casts a vote for or against a general bill, resolution or amendment in exchange for the adoption or inclusion of a benefit which accrues exclusively to all or part of the member's legislative district in that general bill, resolution or amendment or in another general bill, resolution or amendment. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to offers to vote, promises to vote or votes cast for or against any appropriation, bond or economic development measure or to exclude or include any classification of counties in any general bill, resolution or amendment.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class B felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.