

HOUSE BILL 2711

By Turner M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17, Chapter 5, Part 2, relative to the composition of the court of the judiciary.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-5-201, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the court of the judiciary is abolished effective October 1, 2012 and the terms of the present members of the court of the judiciary shall terminate on such date. On that date, there is created a court of judicial conduct to consist of sixteen (16) members to be selected in the following manner:

(1) Three (3) members who are judges, to be appointed by the supreme court;

(2) Three (3) members who are practicing attorneys, to be appointed by the Tennessee Bar Association;

(3) One (1) member who is a judge, to be appointed by the governor;

(4) One (1) member who is a licensed attorney, to be appointed by the governor;

(5) Two (2) members of the public who are not judges or attorneys, to be appointed by the house of representatives democratic caucus;

(6) Two (2) members of the public who are not judges or attorneys, to be appointed by the house of representatives republican caucus;

(7) Two (2) members of the public who are not judges or attorneys, to be appointed by the senate democratic caucus; and

(8) Two (2) members of the public who are not judges or attorneys, to be appointed by the senate republican caucus.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.