

HOUSE BILL 2937

By Johnson C

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6 and Title 7, relative to local governing
bodies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102(c), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(A) Upon approval under subdivision (c)() (C), a member of a county governing body shall not simultaneously serve as a member of the governing body of a municipality within the county for whom the member is a commissioner during the member's term of office.

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)() (A), a member of a county governing body simultaneously serving on the governing body of a municipality on the effective date of this act may serve out the remainder of the member's terms of office.

(C) This subdivision (c)() applies to each county with a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000), according to the 2020 or a subsequent federal census, and that approves this subdivision (c)() by a majority vote of the entire county governing body.

(D) As used in this subdivision (c)(), "municipality" means an incorporated city or town.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding another law or private act to the contrary, and upon approval under subsection (c), a member of the governing body of a municipality shall not

simultaneously serve as a member of the governing body of any county in which the municipality is located during the member's term of office.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a member of the governing body of a municipality simultaneously serving on the governing body of a county on the effective date of this act may serve out the remainder of the member's terms of office.

(c) This section applies to a municipality that is located, in whole or in part, in a county with a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000), according to the 2020 or a subsequent federal census, and that approves this section by a majority vote of the entire governing body of the municipality.

(d) As used in this section, "municipality" means an incorporated city or town.

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