

SENATE BILL 19

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 2, relative to the director of schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(1) Any county or city operating a school system may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the county or city governing body, require the director of schools to face a retention election at the next regular August election immediately preceding the expiration of the director of schools' contract.

(2) If authorized by the county or city governing body, the county election commission shall place the named director of schools on the ballot as a yes or no retention question.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining the named person as director of schools, then the local board of education shall not extend a contract or term of a director of schools.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.