SENATE BILL 47

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to contested case hearings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-322(b)(1), is amended by designating the existing language of subdivision (A) as subdivision (A)(i) and by adding the following new subdivision thereto:

(ii) A petition for review may be filed in chancery court in any county in which a party to a contested case hearing resides. Upon filing an appeal pursuant to this subdivision a request for a de novo hearing may be made and shall be granted by the chancery court. A hearing de novo shall be granted only upon such request being included in a petition for appeal.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.