

SENATE BILL 62

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 2, Part 5, relative to judicial districts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) By January 1, 2010, the judicial council shall devise and submit a plan to the general assembly to realign and reconstitute the existing judicial districts established by this section. The judicial districts shall be constituted on the basis of population to the end that each district will consist of substantially equal population.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-513, is amended by adding the following new subsection (e):

(e)

(1) Effective upon the enactment of newly constituted judicial districts as required by § 16-2-506(b), any determination relative to the creation or reallocation of judicial positions by the general assembly shall be made exclusively on the basis of population.

(2) When the newly constituted judicial districts required by § 16-2-506(b) become effective, subsections (a)--(d) of this section are deleted in their entirety.

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