

SENATE BILL 126

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 12; Title 2, Chapter 5, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to sample ballots.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-211(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) At least five (5) days before the beginning of an early voting period and at least five (5) days before an election, the county election commission shall:

(1) Publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation. Where voting machines are used, the sample ballot shall be the machine sample ballot. The sample ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and all offices and a statement of all questions on which voters may vote. A sample ballot does not have to be published in a newspaper of general circulation if a sample ballot that complies with this section has been mailed at least five (5) days prior to the beginning of the early voting period to every active registered voter. If more than one (1) registered voter is at the same address, then only one (1) sample ballot may be sent to that address; and

(2) Post a sample ballot on a web site maintained by the county election commission or, if the county election commission does not have or maintain a web site, on the web site maintained by the secretary of state. The sample ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and all offices and a statement of all questions on which voters may vote.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.