

SENATE BILL 162

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 3; Title 4 and Title 8, relative to regulation of
governmental ethics.

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

SECTION 1. If and only if the Tennessee ethics commission ceases to exist on June 30, 2009, pursuant to §§ 4-29-229(a)(82) and 4-29-112, then Sections 2 through 10 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, in order to ensure continued administration and enforcement of the various powers, duties and responsibilities previously assigned to the Tennessee ethics commission by Title 3, Chapter 6, and other provisions of law,.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-103, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) In addition to other duties assigned by law, the registry of election finance, created by § 2-10-203, shall also function as the state's ethics commission and shall be the governmental entity responsible for administration and enforcement of the various powers, duties and responsibilities previously assigned by this chapter, and other provisions of law, to the Tennessee ethics commission prior to its abolishment pursuant to §§ 4-29-229(a)(82) and 4-29-112.

(b) References appearing elsewhere in Tennessee Code Annotated to the Tennessee ethics commission shall be deemed to be references to the Tennessee registry of election finance.

(c) References appearing elsewhere in Tennessee Code Annotated to the executive director of the Tennessee ethics commission shall be deemed to be references to the executive director of the Tennessee registry of election finance.

(d) The Tennessee code commission shall revise appropriate references to the Tennessee ethics commission in the code as supplements are issued and volumes are replaced.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-105(e), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-108, is amended by adding the language "under this chapter" immediately after the language "investigations".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-116, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-203(a), is amended by deleting the final sentence of the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 3-6-210. The provisions of §§ 3-6-201 through 3-6-203 shall apply to a complaint alleging a violation of matters within the jurisdiction of the commission pursuant to § 3-6-105.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-505, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The registry of election finance has jurisdiction to administer and enforce the provisions of this part concerning disclosure statements of conflicts of interests. This

enforcement power includes the full range of powers and penalties and procedures established in Title 2, Chapter 10 and Title 3, Chapter 6.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.