

SENATE BILL 342

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 5, relative to elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-208, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) If several offices to be filled are within a single classification, they shall be arranged in alphabetical order in a presidential election year and the following year, and in reverse alphabetical order in a gubernatorial election year and the following year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-208, is further amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d)

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or this title, on general election ballots, the name of each political party having nominees on the ballot shall be listed in the following order: majority party, minority party, and recognized minor party, if any. In a presidential election year and the following year, the names of the political party candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order underneath the appropriate column for the candidate's party. In a gubernatorial election year and the following year, the names of the political party candidates shall be listed in reverse alphabetical order underneath the appropriate column for the candidate's party. A column for independent candidates shall follow the recognized minor party, or if there is not a recognized minor party on the ballot, shall follow the minority party, with the listing of the candidates' names in alphabetical order in a presidential election year and the following year and in reverse alphabetical order in a gubernatorial election year and the following year.

(2) On nonpartisan general election ballots and on the political party's primary ballot, the names of all candidates for the same office shall be arranged in alphabetical order in a presidential election year and the following year and in reverse alphabetical order in a gubernatorial election year and the following year according to the initials of their surnames, beginning with the first initial.

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