SENATE BILL 350

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 9 and Title 40, Chapter 14, relative to court reporters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 14, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

40-14-317.

Notwithstanding Rule 26 of the Supreme Court rules or any other law to the contrary, a defendant in a criminal case is entitled to have a person act as court reporter and record verbatim all proceedings that occur in open court and such other proceedings as the judge may direct.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all criminal trials occurring on or after such date.