



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 292

HOUSE BILL NO. 722

By Representatives Hakeem, Towns, Thompson, Dixie, Hodges, Camper, Clemmons

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 419

By Senators Campbell, Yarbrow, Kyle, Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-102, relative to county election commissions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-102(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) A county election commissioner who qualifies as a candidate for any public office while serving as a commissioner is automatically disqualified to continue in office as a commissioner, and a vacancy exists on the commission.

(2) If an immediate family member of a county election commissioner is on the ballot for public office in the county in which the commissioner serves, the commissioner must:

(A) Abstain from voting on any issues that directly affect the commissioner's immediate family member; and

(B) Be recused from the official duties of the commission at least thirty (30) days before the election and the state election commission shall appoint a temporary replacement for the election. The recused county election commissioner is reinstated to the office after the election in question is certified.

(3) As used in this subsection (b), "immediate family member" means a spouse, parent, sibling, or child.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30th day of April 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR