

SENATE BILL 471

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 13, relative to the selection of candidates for United States senator.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "§ 2-13-202" and by substituting instead the language "§§ 2-13-202 or 2-13-209".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 13, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new Section 2-13-209:

2-13-209.

(a) Candidates for the United States senate shall be nominated as follows, to be placed upon the appropriate general election November ballot, upon the expiration of the term of office for which a candidate for the United States senate was elected:

(1) The house of representatives and senate members of the majority party shall by joint caucus, in an open meeting, nominate a person to run as that party's candidate in the general election in such manner as the rules of such caucus shall prescribe, provided that the rules shall establish a mechanism for citizens desiring to be considered as a candidate for the seat to have their names placed in nomination;

(2) The house of representatives and senate members of the minority party shall by joint caucus, in an open meeting, nominate a person to run as that party's candidate in the general election in such manner as the rules of such

caucus shall prescribe, provided that the rules shall establish a mechanism for citizens desiring to be considered as a candidate for the seat to have their names placed in nomination; and

(3) A minor party may nominate persons for the United States Senate in any manner authorized pursuant to § 2-13-203(a)(2).

(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the names of write-in candidates for persons nominated by the majority party or the minority party as a candidate for United States senate shall not be counted.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect November 30, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.