



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 451

SENATE BILL NO. 491

By Stevens, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1351

By Farmer, Barrett, Grills

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 8 and Title 29, relative to liability for certain acts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-302, is amended by redesignating the current language as subsection (a) and adding the following subsequent subsections:

(b) Notwithstanding § 28-1-105, an action brought pursuant to subsection (a) must be filed within one (1) year after the cause of action accrued.

(c)(1) The county has sixty (60) days in which to answer or otherwise respond to any action brought pursuant to subsection (a).

(2) If, at the end of the sixty-day period, the county has failed to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint, the county shall not be in default but rather is deemed to have denied the material, well pleaded factual allegations of the complaint.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2023




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR