

SENATE BILL 877

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to providing students information on how to vote.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, every secondary school shall provide students in grade twelve (12) information on how to register to vote, how to vote in an election using a ballot, and how to vote using an absentee ballot. A school may provide this information through classroom activities, written materials, electronic communication, internet resources, participation in mock elections, and any other method chosen by the principal after consultation with teachers in the school.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, every private school shall provide students in grade twelve (12) information on how to register to vote, how to vote in an election using a ballot, and how to vote using an absentee ballot. A school may provide this information through classroom activities, written materials, electronic communication, internet resources, participation in mock elections, and any other method chosen by the principal after consultation with teachers in the school.

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