

SENATE BILL 942

By Oliver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-109(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

A qualified voter may register or have the voter's registration altered at the commission office when the office is open, except that applications for registration must not be processed for fourteen (14) days before an election, except as provided in subsection (b); provided, that a qualified voter may file a mail registration form by postmarking the registration form or submitting the registration form fifteen (15) days before an election. A mail registration form lacking a postmark, but signed and dated at least fifteen (15) days before an election, is timely filed if it is received by the county election commission no later than the twelfth day prior to the election. A qualified voter may correct a deficient but timely filed mail registration form if the voter files a completed registration application or otherwise corrects the deficiency on or before the next regularly scheduled November general election. The administrator of elections shall register the person to vote if the person is otherwise eligible to register. Deficient registrations not corrected on or before the next regularly scheduled November general election are no longer considered deficient and are void. The administrator may update an existing registration until no later than five (5) days before an election to place it within the correct precinct in the county when a voter changes the voter's address through the process described in § 2-7-140.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-109(b), is amended by deleting the language "thirtieth day" and substituting the language "fifteenth day".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-109(c), is amended by deleting the language "twenty-nine (29) days" and substituting the language "fourteen (14) days".

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.