

SENATE BILL 983

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17,
relative to the oath of office for judges and
chancellors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-1-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Before entering upon the duties of office, every judge and chancellor in this state is required to take an oath or affirmation to support the constitutions of the United States and that of this state, and to administer justice without respect of persons, and impartially to discharge all the duties incumbent on a judge or chancellor, to the best of the judge's or chancellor's skill and ability. The oath may be taken by a supreme court judge before the governor, or another supreme court judge; and by an inferior court judge, before another such judge, a retired judge, a retired chancellor or an active or retired judge of the court of general sessions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.