

SENATE BILL 1294

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 56 and Title 67, relative
to local government.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-53-109(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general law, private act, or municipal charter to the contrary, no minimum age qualification for membership on the legislative body of any municipality or city shall be greater than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of taking office nor less than eighteen (18) years of age as a candidate for election to such office; provided, that a minimum age qualification for such membership, within such age range, may be established by a municipality or city by private act, charter provision, or ordinance if authorized by its charter.

and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Notwithstanding any general law, private act, or municipal charter to the contrary, no minimum age qualification for membership on the legislative body of any municipality or city shall be greater than twenty-two (22) years of age at the time of taking office nor less than eighteen (18) years of age as a candidate for election to such office; provided, that a minimum age qualification for such membership, within such age range, may be established by a municipality or city by private act, charter provision, or ordinance if authorized by its charter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.