

SENATE BILL 1298

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 5, Part 2, relative to the arrangement of
names on ballots.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-208, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(1) On partisan general election ballots, the name of the statewide political party or recognized minor party that each candidate represents, if any, must be listed next to the candidate's name. If the candidate does not represent a statewide political party or recognized minor party, then the word "Independent" must be listed next to the candidate's name. The names of candidates representing statewide political parties or recognized minor parties must be listed first, in alphabetical order according to the initials of their surnames, followed by independent candidates, also in alphabetical order according to the initials of their surnames.

(2) On nonpartisan general election ballots and on the political party's primary ballot, the names of all candidates for the same office must be arranged alphabetically according to the initials of their surnames.

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