

SENATE BILL 1342

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 5; Title 7; Title 16 and Title 17, relative to
nonpartisan elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-1-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) In any county with a population greater than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, regardless of the form of government, elections for all judicial offices that are elected in a countywide election must be nonpartisan.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-208, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) In any county with a population greater than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, regardless of the form of government, elections for all offices that are elected in a countywide election and elections for the legislative body must be nonpartisan.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203, is amended by deleting subsection (f).

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.