



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 397

SENATE BILL NO. 1355

By Yager, Mr. Speaker McNally

Substituted for: House Bill No. 185

By Cameron Sexton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to special elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-14-202(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following:

(4)(A) If a vacancy as described in subdivision (d)(1) occurs within forty-five (45) days of the next general election for legislators, members of the county executive committees who represent the precincts composing such senate district may nominate a candidate to appear on a separate November election ballot by any method authorized under the rules of the party within forty-eight (48) hours of notice of the vacancy; provided, however, that any notice requirement under a party's rules in nominating a candidate shall be waived in order to meet the forty-eight-hour deadline. Any recognized minor party that does not have a county executive committee may nominate candidates by caucus or by state executive committee. Persons so chosen shall be certified to every county election commission wholly or partially in the district by twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, within forty-eight (48) hours of being nominated. Certification of the candidates to the affected county election commissions may be transmitted by email. Independent candidates shall be issued nominating petitions immediately upon notice of the vacancy and shall qualify by filing such petitions as provided for in § 2-5-104 by twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the same deadline for the certification of the political party candidates. The publication requirements of the qualifying deadline and of the election day sample ballot shall be met by the county election commission posting the same on its website or, if the county election commission does not have or maintain a website, on the website maintained by the secretary of state. No other notices of this election shall be required.


(B) Any election held pursuant to subdivision (d)(4)(A) shall not be subject to early voting provisions in § 2-6-102.

(C) The county election commission shall allow any person, who did vote early for the November election, to additionally cast a ballot in person on election day for any state senate election held pursuant to subdivision (d)(4)(A).

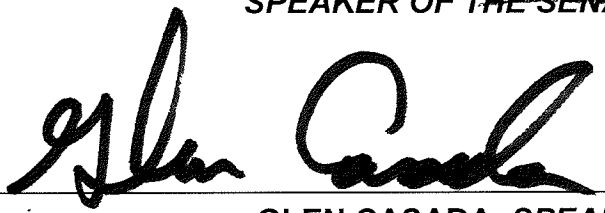
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 30, 2019



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR