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SENATE BILL 1432

By Gresham

AN ACT to provide for the election of the elected county officials of Hardeman County without political party identification.

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

SECTION 1. No person shall seek elected office in Hardeman County who advertises, publicizes, or otherwise holds himself or herself out to be the candidate or nominee of a political party. Elections for officials in Hardeman County shall be conducted without the use of party identification or labels, and no political party shall publicize or otherwise identify any particular office seeker as a nominee or candidate of that or any other political party.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Hardeman County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the mayor of Hardeman County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.