

SENATE BILL 1513

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-103, relative to state representative districts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-103(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "2000" and by substituting instead the language "2010".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(3) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(3) Geographic areas, boundaries and population counts used for redistricting shall be based on the 2010 federal decennial census;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-103, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed as depriving any member of the house of representatives of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly of such member's office, or as affecting or modifying the constitutional requirements of the provisions of Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee. At the November 2012 general election, and thereafter until changed by law, representatives shall be elected to represent the districts as constituted and provided by this section. If a seat of a member of the House of Representatives becomes vacant prior to the general election in November 2012, in accordance with Article II, Section 15(b) of the Constitution of Tennessee, a successor shall be elected by the county legislative body to represent the district as constituted and provided prior to the effective date of this act.

(e) Any reapportionment of county legislative bodies shall not affect these legislative districts.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.