

SENATE BILL 1698

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67,
Chapter 4, Part 6, relative to personnel and
operating costs of the circuit courts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-601(b), is amended by adding the following appropriately designated subdivision:

(10) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon the adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a county legislative body, a privilege tax on litigation in all civil cases in that county may be levied in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per case. A civil case shall not include any original proceedings brought in juvenile court where the court is exercising jurisdiction granted under title 37, chapter 1. The revenue collected from this subdivision (b)(10) shall be used exclusively for personnel for and operating costs of the circuit court. In multi-county judicial districts, the litigation tax authorized by this subdivision (b)(10) shall only be collected by and expended for the benefit of those counties that have voted to levy the tax.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all civil cases filed on or after that date.