

SENATE BILL 1838

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 1, relative to the state board of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "the governor shall strive to ensure" and substituting instead the language "each appointing authority shall strive to ensure".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3)

(A) The governor shall appoint all nine (9) appointive members of the board until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2022. Beginning on July 1, 2022:

(i) The speaker of the senate shall appoint successors to the members representing the first, fourth, and seventh congressional districts as the members' terms expire or are otherwise vacated;

(ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint successors to the members representing the second, fifth, and eighth congressional districts as the members' terms expire or are otherwise vacated; and

(iii) The governor shall appoint successors to the members representing the third, sixth, and ninth congressional districts as the members' terms expire or are otherwise vacated.

(B)

(i) All appointive members must be confirmed by joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the general assembly next convenes in regular session following the appointment.

(ii) If the appointment is not confirmed as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i), then the appointment terminates on the day immediately following the general assembly's rejection of the appointment or on the day immediately following the ninetieth calendar day, whichever is earlier.

(iii) If the general assembly is not in session when appointments are made, then the appointee may begin serving the term for which the appointee was appointed and may continue to serve on the board unless the appointee's appointment is not confirmed during the next regular session of the general assembly in accordance with subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.