



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 809

HOUSE BILL NO. 1970

By Representatives Russell, Eldridge, Reedy, Howell, Vital, Whitson, Jernigan, Williams, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1952

By Senator Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 18; Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2; Title 54, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 1, Part 5, relative to qualifications for office.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (b) as subdivision (1) and adding the following as subdivision (2):

(2) To qualify for the office of county legislative body, a candidate must also be a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and substituting:

(B) Be a qualified voter of the district and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for constable;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 11, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

To qualify for the office of trustee, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for trustee.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

To qualify for the office of register, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for register.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202(a)(1), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subdivision:

To qualify to run as a member of the board of education, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for the board of education.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-104(g), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (1) and redesignating the existing subdivision (1) and other subdivisions accordingly:

(1) Be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the qualifying or appointment deadline, as appropriate;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 1, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

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To qualify for the office of assessor of property, a person must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for assessor of property.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 18-4-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() The clerks of the circuit, criminal, and other special courts must be qualified voters of the county and residents of the county or district for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for such office.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 18, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The clerk of a general sessions court must be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one (1) year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for such office.

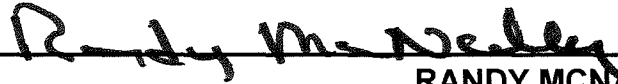
SECTION 10. This act takes effect September 1, 2022, and applies to all persons qualifying to run as a candidate for the affected offices on or after such date, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 24, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR