

SENATE BILL 2054

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 7, relative to district attorneys.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-7-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting:

(1) Shall prosecute in the courts of the district all violations of the state criminal statutes and perform such prosecutorial functions, including prosecuting cases in a municipal court only where the municipality provides sufficient additional prosecutorial personnel of at least one (1) assistant district attorney general position initially funded at entry level compensation and thereafter compensated in accordance with § 8-7-226, or the continuing funding equivalent to the district attorney general for that purpose. The necessity and sufficiency of additional prosecutorial personnel to be provided by the municipality is determined by and in the sole and exclusive discretion of the district attorney general;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-7-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (6) and substituting:

(6) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, shall have absolute discretion in the performance of duties and responsibilities in the allocation of all investigatory, prosecutorial, administrative, staffing, and fiscal resources available to the district attorney general; and

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.