

SENATE BILL 2160

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 6, relative to governmental ethics.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-305, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d) and by redesignating present subsection (d) as new subsection (e):

(d)

(1) No person or entity shall provide a gift to a member of the general assembly that is made available to the general public and that exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00) in value.

(2) The prohibition in subdivision (d)(1) shall not apply if the gift is provided to the entire membership of the general assembly.

(3) The fifty dollar (\$50.00) limitation in subdivision (d)(1) shall be increased to the nearest one dollar (\$1.00) amount to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average) as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, every odd-numbered year on January 1 starting in 2013. The ethics commission shall publish the increased amount on its web site.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-305(b)(6), is amended by adding the following language immediately preceding the language "Opportunities and benefits made available to all members of an appropriate class of the general public,":

"Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) to the contrary,"

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.