## SENATE BILL 2603

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 3, relative to contested case hearings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-301, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

- (f) Notwithstanding § 4-5-322(b)(1), venue for appeals of contested case hearings shall be in the chancery court nearest to the place of residence of the person contesting the agency action or alternatively, at the person's discretion:
  - (1) In the chancery court nearest to the place where the cause of action arose; or
    - (2) In any court having subject matter jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.