SENATE BILL 2660

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Chapter 801 of the Private Acts of 1949; as amended by Chapter 278 of the Private Acts of 1967; Chapter 228 of the Private Acts of 1978; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the police and fire departments of the city of Ardmore.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 801 of the Private Acts of 1949, as amended by Chapter 278 of the Private Acts of 1967, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article IX, Section 2, in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 2. Chief of Police; Qualifications. Be it further enacted, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall appoint a Chief of Police who shall be thirty (30) years of age or older at time of appointment and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

SECTION 2. Chapter 801 of the Private Acts of 1949, and any acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article IX, Section 3, in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Chapter 801 of the Private Acts of 1949, as amended by Chapter 278 of the Private Acts of 1967, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article IX, Section 4, in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 4. Salary. Be it further enacted, that the salary of the Chief of Police and police officers shall be fixed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

SECTION 4. Chapter 801 of the Private Acts of 1949, as amended by Chapter 278 of the Private Acts of 1967, Chapter 228 of the Private Acts of 1978, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article IX, Section 5, in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 5. Qualification and Selection of Police Officers. Be it further enacted, that each member of the police force shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older. The Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, may appoint such number of police officers as may be fixed by ordinance and said police officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The provisions of paragraph B.3 of Section 8, Article IV, are expressly made applicable to the members of the police force.

SECTION 5. Chapter 801 of the Private Acts of 1949, and any acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article X, Section 2, in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 2. Salary. Be it further enacted, that the salary of the Fire Chief and firefighters shall be fixed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

SECTION 6. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the city of Ardmore. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 7. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 6.