

SENATE BILL 2678

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, relative to designating *They Said It Their Way: The Official Tennessee Book of By-Words and Old Sayings* as an official state book.

WHEREAS, the language used by the citizens of Tennessee is an important part of the rich cultural heritage of this State; and

WHEREAS, after spending a lifetime collecting stories, phrases, old sayings, and bywords spoken by past generations of Tennesseans, Edwin Garrett penned the book *They Said It Their Way: The Official Tennessee Book of By-Words and Old Sayings*; and

WHEREAS, a treasured collection of unique expressions spoken by a colorful people with related stories and commentary by the author, the book catalogs bywords, old sayings, phrases, and stories that are unique for the most part to a particular region of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the book preserves the unique and lively language of generations of Tennesseans for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, designating *They Said It Their Way: The Official Tennessee Book of By-Words and Old Sayings* as an official state book is in keeping with the spirit of preserving the unique cultural heritage of Tennessee reflected in other state symbols; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The book entitled, *They Said It Their Way: The Official Tennessee Book of By-Words and Old Sayings*, by Edwin Garrett, is designated as an official state book.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.