



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 663**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2679**

**By Bailey**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2683

By Weaver, Moody, Kumar, Rogers, Faison, Mark White, Windle, Doss, Hardaway, Powers,  
Timothy Hill, Hicks, Terry, Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-407 and Title 24, relative to religious speech.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-407, is amended by deleting subsection (g) and substituting instead the following:

(g) A government entity, excluding courts, shall not subpoena a clergy member's sermon, including notes used to prepare a sermon or an audio or video recording of a sermon, or subpoena a clergy member's attendance to testify regarding a sermon, for use in a civil or administrative action.

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


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PASSED: March 22, 2018

  
RANDY MNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR