

SENATE BILL 3158

By Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 20, Part 1, relative to litigation taxes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, each county, as provided in this subdivision (c)(1), is authorized to levy an additional one dollar (\$1.00) litigation tax per case, to be denominated as a part of the court costs, in matters before the local general sessions courts and juvenile courts. This subdivision (c)(1) shall only apply in counties having a population according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census as follows:

<u>not less than</u>	<u>nor more than</u>
9,000	9,250
34,735	34,800
51,350	51,450
54,600	55,000
68,100	68,400

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g)

(1) By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, any county having a metropolitan form of government and a population in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000), according to the 2000

federal census or any subsequent federal census is authorized to levy an additional litigation tax of one dollar (\$1.00), up to a maximum of five dollars (\$5.00), to be denominated as a part of the court costs, for each petition, warrant and citation, including warrants and citations for traffic offenses, in matters before the general sessions courts and juvenile courts of any such county. The additional one dollar (\$1.00) litigation tax may be increased by any legislative body to which this subsection applies yearly by one dollar (\$1.00) until a total litigation tax of five dollars (\$5.00) has been levied for such filings.

(2) Any revenue generated by subdivision (g)(1) shall be used by the county for the exclusive purpose of supporting a local victim-offender mediation center or centers organized pursuant to this chapter. Such funds shall be distributed on a monthly basis by the county to the victim-offender mediation center or centers for the purpose of handling victim-offender mediation and other community mediation matters.

(3) The taxes levied pursuant to this subsection (g) shall be in addition to any other taxes levied on litigation.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.