

SENATE BILL 3350

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203(d); Section 2-14-106(a); Section 2-14-202(b); Section 2-2-111(b); Section 2-2-114(b); Section 2-2-129(a)(1); Section 2-3-101(a); Section 2-3-103; Section 2-4-108(b); Section 2-5-151(c); Section 2-6-102(a)(1); Section 2-6-103(a)(1); Section 2-8-104; Section 2-9-109(b) and Section 67-6-707(2), relative to elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-111(b), is amended by deleting the language “four (4) hours” and by substituting instead the language “two (2) hours”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-114(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-129(a)(1), is amended by adding the following language “, facsimile transmission” after the language “by mail” in the first sentence.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-101(a), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the second sentence and adding the following language:

except for municipal elections not held in conjunction with any primary election, the regular August or November general elections, or any special primary or special general election for state or federal offices or the presidential preference primary, in which case the county election commission may designate a polling place outside the precinct it is to serve, but within the limits of the municipality. In the event the county election commission so designates, the notice provisions of § 2-3-105, for voters shall be applicable.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-103, is amended by deleting the language “five thousand (5,000)” and by substituting instead the language “six thousand (6,000)”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-108(b), is amended by deleting the language “Within thirty (30) days before each election” and by substituting instead the language “After the appointment of the election officials pursuant to § 2-4-102”.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-151(c), is amended by deleting the language “five (5)” and by substituting instead the language “twenty (20)” in the last sentence of the subsection.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-102(a) (1), is amended by adding the following language “or another polling place appropriately designated by the county election commission” after the language “county election commission office” in the first sentence.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-103(a) (1), is amended by adding the following language “or another polling place appropriately designated by the county election commission” after the language “county election commission office” in the first sentence.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-8-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The commission, or such persons as it may designate, shall, as soon as possible after the election, compare the votes from the tally tapes of all appropriate sources to the tabulated election results. All candidates, their representatives, representatives of the political parties, and representatives of the press may be present during this process and shall be given ample opportunity to examine the tabulations. The commission shall create a written report of any revisions of any vote totals in such election.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-9-109(b), is amended by deleting the language “which is located in a county having a metropolitan form of government” in the first sentence.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203(d), is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

If a political party decides to nominate by primary election under this section, the county executive committee shall, at least ninety (90) days before the qualifying deadline, direct, in writing, the county election commission of each county whose voters are entitled to vote to fill the office to hold the election. If the ninety (90) day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday the deadline shall be the next regular business day.

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-14-106(a), is amended by deleting the language “before twelve o’clock (12:00) noon” and by substituting instead the language “no later than twelve o’clock (12:00) noon” in the first sentence.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-14-202(b), is amended by deleting the language “before twelve o’clock (12:00) noon” and by substituting instead the language “no later than twelve o’clock (12:00) noon” in the second sentence.

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-707(2), is amended by deleting the language “ten percent (10%) of the total number of registered voters in the taxing jurisdiction on the date the petition is filed” and by substituting instead the language “ten percent (10%) or more of the votes cast for governor of the state of Tennessee at the preceding gubernatorial election in the taxing jurisdiction”.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.