

SENATE BILL 3391

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 29 and Section 63-5-103, relative to the  
board of dentistry.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-103, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) The dentist members of the board may be appointed by the governor from lists of qualified nominees submitted by interested dentist groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Dental Association. No person is eligible for appointment as a dentist member of the board unless such person has been an actual and bona fide resident and a legally licensed practicing dentist of this state for a period of five (5) years or more immediately preceding such appointment.

(2) The dental hygienist members may be appointed by the governor from lists of qualified nominees submitted by interested dental hygienist groups including, but not limited to, by the Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association. No person is eligible for appointment as a dental hygienist member of the board unless that person has been an actual and bona fide resident and a legally licensed practicing dental hygienist of this state for a period of five (5) years or more immediately preceding such appointment.

(3) The dental assistant member may be appointed by the governor from lists of qualified nominees submitted by interested dental assistant groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Dental Assistants' Association. No person is eligible for appointment as a dental assistant member of the board unless that person has been an actual and bona fide resident and has been a legally registered and practicing dental

assistant of this state for a period of five (5) years or more immediately preceding such appointment.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-103, is further amended by adding the following language immediately preceding subsection (b) and by redesignating the subsequent subsections accordingly:

(b) The governor shall consult with interested dental groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Dental Association, the Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association and the Tennessee Dental Assistants' Association to determine qualified persons to fill the positions as provided in subsection (a).

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