

HOUSE BILL 98

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203, to provide for and administer nonpartisan elections for state trial court judgeships, county judicial offices, and judicial clerk offices in any county having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

In any county having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, all elections for state trial court judgeships, county judicial offices, and judicial clerk offices shall be conducted in a nonpartisan manner. Notwithstanding § 2-5-208, in all elections for positions covered by this subsection (e), the incumbent officeholder shall be listed first on the election ballot; provided the incumbent seeks and qualifies for reelection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any election for an applicable position conducted on or after July 1, 2017.