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HOUSE BILL 169

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Title 2, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-107, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, applicable county election commissions shall, for a period of at least five (5) days, designate public institutions of higher education with twenty thousand (20,000) or more enrolled students as polling places during the early voting period for federal and state general elections and presidential primaries. Each public institution of higher education may designate the days during the period for early voting during which the institution will provide a polling place.

(2) Voting must take place on the main campus of a public institution of higher education.

(3) Except as provided in subdivision ()(1), this subsection () does not apply to special or primary elections.

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