

HOUSE BILL 246

By Bricken

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 5 and Title 6, relative to local elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-20-102, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-31-102, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-54-138, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 53, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any private act of a municipality to the contrary, the legislative body of each municipality shall change the date of municipal elections to coincide with the August primary and November general elections.

(b)

(1) The first election of the members of a legislative body in a municipality that is chartered after the effective date of this act must be held on the fourth Tuesday following the election at which a chapter under this title has been adopted.

(2) After an initial election is held pursuant to subdivision (b)(1), the legislative body of the municipality shall fix the date of all subsequent elections to coincide with the August primary and November general elections.

(c) The ordinance changing the election date must provide for the extension of the terms of members of the legislative body of the municipality necessary to meet the election date, but no term may be extended for more than two (2) years beyond its regular expiration date. When the dates of a municipality's elections are changed pursuant to subsection (a), the presiding officer of the legislative body shall file a certified copy of the ordinance with the state coordinator of elections.

(d) This section does not remove any incumbent from office or abridge the term of any incumbent prior to the end of the term for which an elected official was elected.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.