

HOUSE BILL 2080

By Wright

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 8, relative to public office.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(f)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(5) A candidate, whether independent or represented by a political party, shall not submit, and a county election commission shall not accept, more than one (1) qualifying petition, or otherwise qualify and be nominated, or have such candidate's name anywhere appear on any ballot for any election or primary, wherein such candidate is attempting to be qualified for and nominated or elected to more than one (1) office that is voted on by voters during a primary or general election. This prohibition does not apply to a qualifying or nominating petition:

(A) For state executive committee or presidential delegate; or

(B) To qualify as a candidate for a special election.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

An individual holding an elected office of a local government shall not hold another elected office in this state at the same time. Individuals holding more than one (1) office on the effective date of this act may continue holding such offices until the terms expire. This prohibition does not apply to an office in a political party's state executive committee.

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