

HOUSE BILL 2862

By Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to absentee voting.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-115, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(7).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-201, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) A registered voter may vote absentee by mail according to the procedures outlined in this part in any primary election, election, or runoff election. A registered voter is not required to provide a reason in order to cast an absentee ballot by mail; provided, that the voter submits a certification as to the identity of the voter, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, with the application for a by-mail absentee ballot.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an absentee ballot that is not defective and that is cast in accordance with subsection (a) must be counted for the election in which the ballot is cast, including during any recount.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3)(G) and substituting instead the following language:

(G) The certification required under § 2-6-201.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-401(c), is amended by deleting the language "or that category of persons otherwise".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-8-101, is amended by deleting subsection (b).

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.