



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 389

HOUSE BILL NO. 772

By Representatives Rudd, Moody, Howell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1182

By Senator Swann

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-205(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(1) The names of persons for whom the chair of a statewide political party has certified to be placed on the ballot for the office of president of the United States to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall submit the names to the state election commission no later than the first Tuesday in December immediately preceding the year in which the election will be held. If a candidate who has been certified by the secretary of state wishes to be a candidate in the presidential primary of a party other than that for which the chair of the statewide political party certified the candidate, then the candidate shall signify the candidate's political party preference to the state election commission no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the date established in subsection (b), and the candidate's name must be certified only for the ballot of the candidate's chosen party, as the case may be.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-205(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(c) The coordinator of elections shall certify to the county election commissions on the third Thursday in December the names that this section requires to be on the ballot for each political party.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Members of the state election commission shall disclose any employment or the receipt of a fee, commission, or another form of compensation, including in-kind contributions, received for services related to elections.

(b) Such disclosure must include:

(1) The name and address of the person or entity for whom the commissioner is employed or providing services;

(2) The amount of the compensation;

(3) The dates the services were rendered; and

(4) A general description of the services rendered.

(c) The commissioners shall make the disclosures required by subsection (a) on a form adopted by the state election commission.

(d) A commissioner shall file the disclosures for employment that began, or an agreement to provide services entered into, before the commissioner was appointed within thirty (30) days of the beginning of the commissioner's term. A commissioner shall file all other disclosures within thirty (30) days of becoming employed or entering into an

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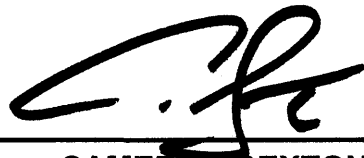
agreement to provide services. The disclosures must be recorded in the minutes of the state election commission.

(e) Failure to timely file disclosures constitutes cause for removal under § 2-11-113.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 19, 2023



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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023



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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR