



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 410

HOUSE BILL NO. 1197

By Representatives Williams, Garrett, Todd, Lamberth, Grills, Marsh, Howell, Cochran,  
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Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1335

By Senator Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6 and Title 7, Chapter 67, relative to sports authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-67-108(a)(4), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(C) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary:

(i) Effective January 1, 2024, the membership of a board of directors in a county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2020 federal census or any subsequent federal census, is vacated and reconstituted to consist of thirteen (13) directors as follows:

(a) The seven (7) longest standing board members as of June 30, 2023, shall be reappointed as members of the board and are to serve for the remainder of their existing terms. The county mayor may reappoint such members for subsequent terms; provided, that the members meet the qualifications for membership and no more than one (1) appointee is appointed from the same metropolitan school district in the county. The mayor shall make all subsequent appointments under this subdivision (a)(4)(C)(i)(a);

(b) The governor shall appoint two (2) directors, with no more than one (1) appointee being a resident of the same grand division of this state;

(c) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two (2) directors, with no more than one (1) appointee being a resident of the same house district; and

(d) The speaker of the senate shall appoint two (2) directors, with no more than one (1) appointee being a resident of the same senatorial district;

(ii) In order to stagger the terms of the newly appointed directors, initial appointments are made as follows:

(a) The directors reappointed as members under subdivision (a)(4)(C)(i)(a) shall serve for the remainder of their terms that existed as of June 30, 2023;

(b) The directors appointed under subdivision (a)(4)(C)(i)(b) serve initial terms that expire on June 30, 2025;

(c) The directors appointed under subdivision (a)(4)(C)(i)(c) serve initial terms that expire on June 30, 2027; and

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(d) The directors appointed under subdivision (a)(4)(C)(i)(d) serve initial terms that expire on June 30, 2029;

(iii) Following the expiration of directors' terms as prescribed in subdivision (a)(4)(C)(ii), all subsequent terms are for six (6) years, to begin on July 1 and terminate on June 30, six (6) years thereafter; and

(iv) The appointing authorities shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) director is a female and at least one (1) director is of a racial minority.

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

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PASSED: April 21, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR