

SENATE BILL 1888

By Hensley

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-116, is amended by adding the following as new language on the permanent registration record when a person registers to vote:

Political Party Affiliation _____.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-118, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) At the time of initial registration or during the registration period under § 2-2-109, each qualified voter may designate on the registration application an affiliation with a political party qualified to participate in elections or may designate to be designated as "Unaffiliated." The county election commission shall record the party affiliation or unaffiliated designation as part of the voter's permanent registration record. If a voter fails or refuses to make a designation, the county election commission shall enter on the permanent registration records that the voter is unaffiliated.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-104(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() "Unaffiliated voter" means a voter who has no political party preference.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-115(b)(2), is amended by adding the following new language at the end of the subdivision:

The county election commission shall record the voter's declaration or affirmation as part of the voter's permanent registration record. Once recorded, such declaration is subject to be changed by the voter in accordance with § 2-2-109.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect January 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.