



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 798

HOUSE BILL NO. 2685

By Representatives Doggett, Moon, Todd, Hardaway, Warner

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2548

By Senator Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 5, relative to county legislative bodies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-112, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead:

(a)

(1) No member of the legislative body of a county who is also an employee of the same county or whose spouse is an employee of the same county may vote on matters in which such member has a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest is created under this section when a member is voting on a matter which, if approved by the legislative body, would increase the pay or benefits of that member or that member's spouse.

(2) Each vote taken by a legislative body of a county that has the effect of increasing the pay or benefits of county employees must be by recorded electronic vote or by roll call vote.

(3) The vote of any member having a conflict of interest is void if successfully challenged pursuant to subdivision (a)(4).

(4) After each vote is taken that could involve a conflict of interest under subdivision (a)(1) and prior to the vote being announced by the chair, the chair shall ask the members of the legislative body if a member of the legislative body voted in violation of subdivision (a)(1). If the chair finds that a member voted in violation of subdivision (a)(1), the chair shall declare that member's vote void.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR