

SENATE BILL 2578

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7 and Title 39, relative to members of
local governmental bodies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 4, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section, "local governmental body" means the governing body of any county, municipality, or county with a metropolitan form of government.

(b) If a local governmental body votes for and approves the adoption of an ordinance or resolution that expressly conflicts with state or federal law relative to immigration or the disposition of memorials, as that term is defined in § 4-1-412, each member of the local governmental body who voted in the affirmative to approve the ordinance or resolution and who did so with the knowledge that the ordinance or resolution expressly conflicts with state or federal law commits a Class E felony, punishable by a fine only.

(c) A member of a local governing body who violates this section is subject to indictment in such courts as the general assembly may direct and removal from office in accordance with the Constitution of Tennessee, Article V, § 5.

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