

HOUSE BILL 474

By Gravitt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;
Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9 and
Title 12, relative to public officials.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Public entity" means the state or any political subdivision of the state;

(2) "Public facility" means any real property owned by, or the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or operation of which is funded in whole or in part by, a public entity; and

(3) "Public official" means a person elected to public office or any person appointed or employed by a public entity.

(b) No public facility shall be named or designated for an individual public official during the public official's term of office or during the five-year period immediately following the public official's departure from office.

(c) Charitable donations made by a public official using public funds shall not be made in the name of the public official. Such donations must be attributed to the public entity from which the funds originated.

(d) A public facility shall not be named for any person or public official who has been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude.

(e) A public facility that has been named for a person who was not a public official at the time of the naming may continue to bear that name if the person subsequently becomes a public official.

(f) A public facility named for a public official prior to the effective date of this act may continue to bear the name of that public official.

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