

HOUSE BILL 591

By Baum

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 18, Part 3, relative to substitute judges.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-312, is amended by inserting the following new language as subsection (a) and designating the current language as subsection (b):

(a) If a municipal judge is unable to preside over municipal court for any reason, then a special substitute municipal judge shall be determined pursuant to an ordinance of the governing body of such municipal court. In the absence of such an ordinance, then the municipal judge may designate in writing, to be filed with the clerk of the municipal court, the name of a special substitute judge to hold court in the municipal judge's place and stead. The special substitute judge must meet the qualifications of a municipal judge and the special substitute judge shall take the same oath and have the same authority as the regular municipal judge to hold court for the occasion. Such appointment of a special substitute judge is effective for no more than thirty (30) days, after which a new appointment is required.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.