

HOUSE BILL 779

By Brown

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to election campaigns.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section as follows:

2-1-119.

(a) **If** a candidate for state or local public office as defined in § 2-10-102:

(1) Plans to conduct a door-to-door campaign within the district for which such official is seeking election;

(2) Desires to have law enforcement presence during the period when such door-to-door campaign is scheduled; and

(3) Notifies the local law enforcement department in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the date such door-to-door campaign is scheduled,

then the local law enforcement department shall make every reasonable effort to have a visible presence during the time such door-to-door campaign is conducted.

(b) The presence may be by patrol cars or walking patrols or a combination of both in the discretion of the local law enforcement department.

(c) As used in this section "local law enforcement department" means the police department if the door-to-door campaign is within a municipality and the sheriff's office if the door-to-door campaign is within the county outside an incorporated municipality.

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