

HOUSE BILL 788

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 14, relative to compensation of appointed
counsel.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-14-206, is amended by adding the following language to the end of the section:

The rules must establish per case minimum rates of compensation for appointed counsel, and the minimum rates must be equivalent to the rate of compensation set out in § 40-14-207.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-14-207, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) Other than public defenders and post-conviction defenders, attorneys appointed under this part are entitled to reasonable compensation at a single rate of no less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per hour for their services prior to trial, at trial, and during an appeal, and are entitled to reimbursement for their reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with the Tennessee Supreme Court Rules.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.