

SENATE BILL 1558
By Bell

HOUSE BILL 1479

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 40, relative to criminal law and
procedure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

40-17-104.

In criminal proceedings, a person designated by counsel for a party that is not a natural person and who is not excluded from the courtroom pursuant to Rule 615 of the Tennessee Rules of Evidence, is not required to be the first witness called if the court, in its discretion, determines that no prejudice is likely to result to the opposing party by reason of the designated witness not being the first to testify.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.