

HOUSE BILL 1638

By Dennis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20,
Chapter 9 and Title 40, Chapter 14, relative to
court reporters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 14, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

40-14-317.

Notwithstanding Rule 26 of the Supreme Court rules or any other law to
the contrary, a defendant in a criminal case is entitled to have a person act as
court reporter and record verbatim all proceedings that occur in open court and
such other proceedings as the judge may direct.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and
shall apply to all criminal trials occurring on or after such date.