

HOUSE BILL 2042

By DeBerry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to fraternities and sororities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding § 49-1-303, § 49-7-126, and § 49-7-2202(2), fraternities and
sororities shall not be recognized or otherwise permitted to associate with, or operate on
the campus of, any state institution of higher education.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Fraternities and sororities" does not include professional fraternities
and honor societies; and

(2) "Professional fraternities" means any local or national organization
created for the primary purpose of promoting the interests of a particular
profession and whose membership is limited to students studying in that
particular field of professional education or study.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.