

HOUSE BILL 2184

By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17,  
Chapter 2, Part 3, relative to senior judges  
appointed to hear complex commercial disputes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-302(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following as subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), the supreme court may designate any former supreme court justice, judge of an intermediate appellate court, or judge of a state or federal court of record who has at least one (1) year of creditable judicial service to serve as a senior judge to hear complex commercial disputes. The supreme court may promulgate rules to effectuate this subdivision (a)(2).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-303, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(3) and except for judges designated under § 17-2-302(a)(2), no such commission shall be issued to any former justice or judge who, during the justice's or judge's most recent term of judicial service, sought reelection or retention but was defeated in the reelection or retention bid.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.