

HOUSE BILL 2305

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 4; Title 8 and Title 38, Chapter 6, relative to
crimes related to elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The coordinator of elections shall:

(1) Provide annual training to the persons designated as election crime
specialists pursuant to Sections 2, 3, and 4; and

(2) Publish and distribute educational material that is designed to provide
information about the criminal provisions of this title to local law enforcement
agencies.

(b) The training provided pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) and the educational
material published pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) must include a review of the criminal
provisions of this title and best practices in investigating such crimes.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

The comptroller of the treasury shall designate at least twenty percent (20%) of
the investigators in the division of investigations as election crime specialists. Each
election crime specialist must receive annual training from the coordinator of elections
and investigate reports of election crime when such reports are referred to the
comptroller of the treasury.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Each district attorney shall designate at least twenty percent (20%) of the district's assistant district attorneys general as election crime specialists. Each election crime specialist must receive annual training from the coordinator of elections and investigate reports of election crime when such reports are referred to the district attorney general.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation shall designate at least twenty percent (20%) of the investigators in the criminal investigation division as election crime specialists. Each election crime specialist must receive annual training from the coordinator of elections and investigate reports of election crime when such reports are referred to the bureau.

SECTION 5. For purposes of taking administrative actions required by this act, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.