

HOUSE BILL 2654

By Sanderson

AN ACT to amend Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 1993; as amended by Chapter 2 of the Private Acts of 1999; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the election of Mayor and Aldermen for the Town of Trimble.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.01 of Article II of Chapter 88 of the Private Acts of 1993, Chapter 2 of the Private Acts of 1999, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Beginning in the year 2016, a non-partisan election shall be conducted during the November general election and at four (4) year intervals thereafter by the Dyer County Election Commission under the general election laws of the state to elect a mayor and five (5) aldermen from the town at large. Any elector who has been a resident of the town for one (1) year may be qualified as a candidate by a nominating petition submitted to the Dyer County Election Commission not less than thirty (30) days prior to the election signed by at least twenty-five (25) electors.

(b) The nominating petition shall be on a form acceptable to the Dyer County Election Commission.

(c) Persons nominated may withdraw their nominations by written notice to the county commissioners of elections not later than twenty-five (25) days before the election. Names of candidates shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot; the residence addresses of candidates having the same or substantially similar surnames shall also be printed on the ballot.

(d) Each elector shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate for mayor and five (5) candidates for aldermen in the election referred to in Section 2.01, subsection (a),

and in each succeeding election at four (4) year intervals on the date of the regular November state and county-wide elections. The term of office of the mayor and city aldermen shall begin on the first Monday of December after the election at seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.) local time and they shall serve for a period of four (4) years until their successors have been elected and qualified. No informality shall invalidate such an election, provided it is conducted fairly and in substantial conformity with the requirements of this charter and the general election laws of this State.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Trimble. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Town of Trimble and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.