

HOUSE BILL 2656

By Ragan

AN ACT to create a charter commission for Anderson County.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a charter commission for Anderson County in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-204(e).

SECTION 2. The charter commission shall be comprised of eight (8) members, with one (1) member to be elected from and in the same manner as each of the eight (8) county commission districts, as prescribed in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-205.

SECTION 3. The charter commission shall carry out its duties in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-208.

SECTION 4. After a copy of the proposed charter has been certified to the county election commission, as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-208, it shall be the duty of the county election commission to hold a referendum election for the ratification or rejection of the proposed charter in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-209.

SECTION 5. The contents of any charter proposed by the charter commission shall be as prescribed in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-210.

SECTION 6. All other matters pertaining to the right of the county to charter as an alternate form of county government shall be carried out in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 2.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a majority of the number of qualified voters of Anderson County voting in an election on the question of whether or not the act should be approved. Within thirty (30) days after this act becomes law, the county

election commission of Anderson County shall call an election for the county, to be held at the next regularly scheduled August or November election. The ballots used in the election shall have printed on them the substance of this act and voters shall vote for or against its approval. The votes cast on the question shall be canvassed and the results proclaimed by the county election commissioners and certified by them to the secretary of state as provided by law in the case of general elections. The qualifications of voters voting on the question shall be the same as those required for participation in general elections. All laws applicable to general elections shall apply to the determination of the approval or rejection of this act.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, as provided in Section 7, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall be effective only upon being approved as provided in Section 7.