

SENATE BILL 386

By Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 18, Part 3, relative to the "Municipal Court Reform Act of 2004".

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-308, is amended by designating the present language as subsection "(a)" and by adding the following language, to be designated as subsection "(b)":

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) to the contrary, if a municipal charter provides that the person who serves as judge of the municipal court shall also serve as the recorder for the municipality, then such person may concurrently hold both offices.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-309(a)(1), is amended by deleting the word "Each" from the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (4), each

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-309(a), is further amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(4) If the judge of a municipal court is authorized to practice law in the courts of Tennessee, and if the judge satisfies the annual continuing legal education requirements for practicing attorneys, then such judge shall be exempt from also meeting the requirements of subdivision (1) for any year in which such continuing legal education requirements for practicing attorneys are met. By March 1 following the year for which such requirements are met, the judge shall submit to the administrative office of the courts a copy of the statement of compliance issued by the commission on continuing

legal education verifying the number of continuing legal education hours completed for such year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.