

SENATE BILL 594

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,  
Chapter 6, relative to grandparents' visitation  
rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(4) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(4) For the purposes of this section, if the child's parent is deceased and the grandparent seeking visitation is the parent of that deceased parent, there shall be a rebuttable presumption of a danger of substantial harm to the child if visitation is not granted. The rebuttable presumption established by this subdivision (b)(4) shall apply regardless of whether the child's parent died before the child was born, preventing the grandparent from forming an existing relationship with the child.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, and shall apply to all actions filed on or after such date, the public welfare requiring it.