

SENATE BILL 703

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 82, relative to commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-602, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2) and substituting instead the following:

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(A) If the proposed district is to comprise two (2) counties or parts of two (2) counties, the petition shall nominate three (3) commissioners.

(B) If the proposed district is to comprise three (3) or more counties or parts of three (3) or more counties, the petition shall nominate a number of commissioners equal to the number of counties or parts of counties to be included in such district; provided, that where the proposed district is to comprise an even number of counties or parts of counties, up to six (6), the petition shall nominate a number of commissioners equal to the number of counties, plus one (1) commissioner at large.

(C) If the proposed district is to comprise eight (8) or more counties or parts of counties, the petition shall nominate eight (8) residents of the district, and it shall not be necessary for each county to be represented on the board; however, each of the eight (8) commissioners shall be from separate counties, it being the purpose and intent of this subdivision (a)(2)(C) to limit the number of commissioners of any district to eight (8). Any existing districts with seven (7) commissioners serving districts comprised of more than seven (7) counties or parts of seven (7) counties shall add a qualified commissioner from the county

having the largest number of district customers among those counties not already having a commissioner.

(D) Any commissioner added pursuant to subdivision (a)(2)(C) to existing utility districts shall be made utilizing the applicable procedures described in § 7-82-307. The term for the added commissioner shall be four (4) years beginning July 12, 2016. The first certified list of nominees shall be submitted to the appropriate county mayor no later than May 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.