

SENATE BILL 787

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 4; Title 5; Title 6 and Title 7, relative to
elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-110, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following language:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Voters Right to Information Act.”

(b) When a commission or board established under this title is required to convey notification of any meeting by United States mail:

(1) The commission or board shall notify all registered voters by United States mail in the county or municipality, as applicable, in which notice is to be given;

(2) Notice shall be mailed not less than two (2) weeks prior to any meeting to give notice effectively to the qualified voters of the area in which notice is to be given; and

(3) Notices that require the same time frame for notification may be combined in the same mailing.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-117, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-114, is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” where it appears in subsections (a) and (b) and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110 to each registered voter”.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-101(a)(2)(C), is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110 to each registered voter”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-105, is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110 to each registered voter”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-109(e)(1), is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110”.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-304, is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110”.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-211(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” where it appears twice and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110”.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-103(c), is amended by deleting the language “by publication in a newspaper of general circulation” and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110”.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-111, is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” wherever it appears and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110 to each registered voter”.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-14-105, is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110 to each registered voter”.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-17-103(c), is amended by deleting the language “in a newspaper of general circulation” and substituting the language “by United States mail pursuant to § 2-1-110”.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all notices requiring notice by United States mail occurring on or after that date.