

SENATE BILL 959

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5,  
Chapter 5 and Title 6, relative to governing bodies  
of local governments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102, is amended by designating  
subdivision (c)(2) as a new subdivision (c)(2)(A) and adding the following new subdivision

(c)(2)(B):

(B) A person shall not serve on a county legislative body while serving on the  
governing body of a municipality located in whole or in part within the county or with  
which it shares a coterminous or contiguous boundary. A person serving on a county  
legislative body to whom this subdivision (c)(2)(B) would apply on the effective date of  
this act may serve out the remainder of the term of office on the county legislative body.  
This subdivision (c)(2)(B) only applies in counties with a population of more than two  
hundred thousand (200,000), according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent  
federal census. This subdivision (c)(2)(B) does not apply to the governing body of a  
metropolitan government.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following new section:

A person shall not serve on the governing body of a municipality while serving on  
the governing body of a county in which the municipality is located in whole or in part or  
with which it shares a coterminous or contiguous boundary. A person serving on a  
municipal governing body to whom this section would apply on the effective date of this  
act may serve out the remainder of the term of office on the municipal governing body.

This section only applies in counties with a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000), according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census. This section does not apply to the governing body of a metropolitan government.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.