

SENATE BILL 973

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 21.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 21-1-402, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

21-1-402.

In all other cases, a decree against a defendant without personal service of process, who does not appear to defend, is not absolute for two (2) years from the decree, unless a copy of the decree is served upon the defendant, in which case it becomes absolute if the defendant fails to come forward and make defense within six (6) months after service.

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