

SENATE BILL 1196

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 16; Title 17; Title 36; Title 37; Title 40;
Chapter 78 of the Public Acts of 1975 and Chapter
505 of the Public Acts of 1972, relative to general
sessions courts.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 505 of the Public Acts of 1972, Chapter 78 of the Public Acts of 1975, and any other acts amendatory thereto, are deleted.

SECTION 2.

(a) There is created and established in a county with a population of not less than five thousand five hundred (5,500) and not more than five thousand six hundred (5,600), according to the 2010 or any subsequent federal census, a general sessions court for the county in accordance with the provisions of title 16, chapter 15 of Tennessee Code Annotated.

(b) The general sessions court for the county is vested with the powers and jurisdiction otherwise vested in general sessions courts under title 16, chapter 15 of Tennessee Code Annotated, and a judge will be elected in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-202, in the general August election in 2022, with the initial term to begin on September 1, 2022.

SECTION 3.

(a) There is created and established in a county with a population of not less than twenty-five thousand eight hundred (25,800) and not more than twenty-five thousand nine hundred (25,900), according to the 2010 or any subsequent federal

census, a general sessions court for the county in accordance with the provisions of title 16, chapter 15 of Tennessee Code Annotated.

(b) The general sessions court for the county is vested with the powers and jurisdiction otherwise vested in general sessions courts under title 16, chapter 15 of Tennessee Code Annotated, and a judge will be elected in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-202, in the general August election in 2022, with the initial term to begin on September 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-501(b), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

(5) Judges of courts of general sessions in any county having a population of not less than five thousand five hundred (5,500) and not more than five thousand six hundred (5,600), according to the 2010 or any subsequent federal census, in addition to the jurisdiction and powers conferred above, have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit judge and chancellor in that county in domestic relations, juvenile, and probate cases.

(6) Judges of courts of general sessions in any county having a population of not less than twenty-five thousand eight hundred (25,800) and not more than twenty-five thousand nine hundred (25,900), according to the 2010 or any subsequent federal census, in addition to the jurisdiction and powers conferred above, have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit judge and chancellor in that county in domestic relations, juvenile, and probate cases.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law for purposes of carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this act, including conducting elections in the general August election of 2022, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect on September 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.