

SENATE BILL 1296

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-142, relative to mobile electronic or communication devices at polling places.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-142(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) Any voter using a mobile electronic or communication device as allowed in subsection (a) shall be prohibited from using the device for telephone conversations.

(2) Any voter using a mobile electronic or communication device as allowed in subsection (a) shall be permitted to use the device for recording or taking photographs or videos of the voter's marked ballot; provided, that the voter does not show another voter's ballot.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-142, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

The election officials and poll watchers of each polling place may prohibit any disruptive activity that threatens the orderly process of voting or the privacy of another voter's ballot.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.