

SENATE BILL 1511

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Chapter 78 of the Private Acts of 1993; as amended by Chapter 12 of the Private Acts of 1997; Chapter 85 of the Private Acts of 1997; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the City of Cleveland.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 78 of the Private Acts of 1993, as amended by Chapter 12 of the Private Acts of 1997, Chapter 85 of the Private Acts of 1997, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article III, Section 3 and substituting instead the following:

Section 3. Voter qualification requirements. Persons meeting the residency requirements prescribed by the election laws of the State of Tennessee and persons owning at least fifty percent (50%) fee simple interest in a parcel of real property of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet or having an appraised value for tax purposes of at least thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) within one (1) of the councilmanic districts of the City of Cleveland for a period of six (6) months prior to an election and who are otherwise qualified to vote in State elections shall be eligible to vote in city elections, provided the person is properly registered in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Tennessee. Non-resident property owners who own property in more than one (1) councilmanic district must declare both the district in which the owner elects to vote, and the piece of property being utilized to provide such voting privilege, and such declaration shall be permanent unless the owner sells the property in the district. The city council may authorize the ballots for these non-resident property owners be cast by mail.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Cleveland. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.