SENATE BILL 1772

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 12; Title 5, Chapter 13; Title 5, Chapter 21; Title 5, Chapter 5; Title 5, Chapter 8 and Title 12, Chapter 4, relative to county employees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

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- (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a county employee is prohibited from serving as a member of a county budget committee for the county that employs such county employee, by reason of being a county employee.
- (2) Any member of a county budget committee who is a county employee on July 1, 2016, shall not become disqualified and may continue in office as a member of the county budget committee pursuant to subdivision ()(1) for the remainder of the member's term.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-8-201, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a county employee is prohibited from serving as a member of a county finance committee for the county that employs such county employee, by reason of being a county employee.

(2) Any member of a county finance committee who is a county employee on July 1, 2016, shall not become disqualified and may continue in office as a member of the county finance committee pursuant to subdivision ()(1) for the remainder of the member's term.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act shall be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.