

SENATE BILL 1804

By Stevens

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 326 of the Private Acts of 1982; as amended by Chapter 28 of the Private Acts of 1999; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the elimination of the juvenile court in Obion County.

WHEREAS, Chapter 326 of the Private Acts of 1982 created a separate juvenile court in Obion County; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-203, provides that the general sessions court shall exercise juvenile court jurisdiction except in counties or municipalities wherein juvenile courts are specially provided for by law; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 326 of the Private Acts of 1982, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Private Acts of 1999, and any acts amendatory thereto, shall be repealed immediately upon the expiration of the term of the incumbent juvenile court judge, or upon any vacancy occurring in that office. Upon repeal of Chapter 326 of the Private Acts of 1982, the general sessions court of Obion County shall, from that date forward, exercise juvenile court jurisdiction and have all the duties, powers, and authority of a juvenile court as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, or any other general law.

SECTION 2. Upon the repeal of Chapter 326 of the Private Acts of 1982, any general sessions judge elected after the repeal, or for any term of office thereafter, shall receive an annual salary no less than that provided for general sessions judges pursuant to § 16-15-5003.

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

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Obion county. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of such legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. 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 upon being approved as provided in Section 4.