SENATE BILL 2361

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29 and Title 55, relative to speed limits on county roads.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-153, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (e) and redesignating existing subsection (e) accordingly:

(e) A county is immune from liability for a cause of action or claim for damages arising out of an accident occurring on a county road for which the governing body of the county has lowered the speed limit to less than fifty-five miles per hour (55 mph). As used in this subsection (e), "county road" means a road that has been classified as a county road pursuant to § 54-10-103 or a road for which a county has otherwise assumed control, and does not include a state highway or an interstate or national defense highway.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.