

SENATE BILL 2403

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Chapter 80 of the Private Acts of 1971, as amended and rewritten by Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 1991, Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 1998, and any other acts amendatory thereto, being the charter of the City of Bristol, relative to the filling of vacancies on the city council.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 80 of the Private Acts of 1971, as amended and rewritten by Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 1991, Chapter 121 of the Private Acts of 1998, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Section 2-9 by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Vacancies in the city council from death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled within thirty (30) days of the vacancy by appointment of the city council, from the district in which the vacancy occurs, to serve until the next regular city election when such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by election of the qualified voters of the city.

SECTION 2. The term of any current member of the city council who has been appointed to fill such a vacancy, and who in the absence of this act would serve until the next general election, is hereby extended to the next regular city election.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 4. 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 Bristol. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City of Bristol 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 as provided in Section 4.