

SENATE BILL 2663

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Chapter 318 of the Private Acts of 1943; as amended by Chapter 266 of the Private Acts of 1949; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the filing and disposition of certain mental health cases in Cannon County.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 318 of the Private Acts of 1943; as amended by Chapter 266 of the Private Acts of 1949; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by adding the following:

Section 1. Thirty (30) days after approval of this act as provided in SECTION 2 and SECTION 3, all petitions or cases filed in Cannon County concerning mental health commitments or any other action filed pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 6, shall be filed with the Clerk and Master of Cannon County rather than with the General Sessions Court Clerk.

Section 2. Notwithstanding where the petition or action is filed, the General Sessions Judge of Cannon County shall retain the authority to hear and determine mental health petitions or actions in the same manner as prior to the enactment of this act. The Clerk and Master and General Sessions Judge shall establish a method to make available to the General Sessions Judge all files and records pertaining to mental health actions that are now filed with the Clerk and Master.

Section 3. When accepting a petition or claim concerning mental health commitments or any other action filed pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 6, the amount of fees to which the Clerk and Master are entitled shall remain

the same as the fees to which the General Sessions Court Clerk was entitled when the same documents were filed with the General Sessions Court Clerk.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Cannon County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Cannon County 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.