

SENATE BILL 2724

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Chapter 53 of the Private Acts of 1985; as amended by Chapter 89 of the Private Acts of 1985; Chapter 6 of the Private Acts of 2011 and Chapter 61 of the Private Acts of 2012; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to Dickson County highways.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 53 of the Private Acts of 1985, as amended by Chapter 89 of the Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 6 of the Private Acts of 2011, Chapter 61 of the Private Acts of 2012, and any other acts amendatory thereto, are repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 2. The Dickson County Highway Department shall be headed by a Highway Engineer who is elected at the regular August election every four years.

SECTION 3. The Highway Engineer shall have the qualifications, term of office, salary, and duties, take the oath of office and make a bond, and be replaced in the event of a vacancy in the office as set forth in the Tennessee County Uniform Highway Law, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 7.

SECTION 4. In addition to the duties under the Tennessee County Uniform Highway Law, the Highway Engineer shall:

- (a) Have jurisdiction over all expenditures of all road and bridge funds belonging to the County from whatever source, except State aid and Federal monies received;
- (b) Classify all County roads;
- (c) Submit to the County Commission at the beginning of each fiscal year a long-range maintenance and improvement plan for the Dickson County road system;
- (e) Prescribe rules and regulations governing the weight and size of motor vehicles using County roads and bridges, which must be reduced to writing; and

(f) Recommend to the County Commission the acceptance and closing of County roads.

SECTION 5. 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. Members of the Highway Commission serving on the effective date of this act shall remain in office until their term expires.

SECTION 6. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Dickson County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 7. 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 6.