

HOUSE BILL 2188
By Caldwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-501, relative to general sessions jurisdiction in any county having a population of not less than sixty-eight thousand one hundred (68,100) nor more than sixty-eight thousand four hundred (68,400) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-501(d)(2), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(d)(2)(B) In any county having a population of not less than sixty-eight thousand one hundred (68,100) nor more than sixty-eight thousand four hundred (68,400) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the jurisdiction of courts of general sessions, where they have been created shall extend to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in all civil cases, both law and equity; provided, that this subdivision shall not apply to cases of forcible entry and detainer, wherein the court shall have unlimited original jurisdiction; and provided further, that this subdivision shall not apply to actions to recover personal property wherein the court shall have original unlimited jurisdiction, including jurisdiction to award an alternative money

judgment; and general sessions judges shall have jurisdiction to issue restraining orders and to enforce the penalty provisions for violation of such restraining orders.

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

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.