

HOUSE BILL 892
By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 11, relating to the surrender of defendants.

WHEREAS, it is desirable that a surety on a criminal bail bond be able to utilize all of the authority available either by statute or the common law in order to insure that criminal defendants appear in court as ordered; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-132, is amended by deleting from the first sentence the following words:

"before the forfeiture of their undertaking"

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-132, is further amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (1); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (2) and substituting instead a semicolon; and by adding the following language as new subdivisions, to be designated as follows:

(3) A forfeit, conditional or final, has been rendered against the defendant;

(4) The defendant has failed to appear in court either as ordered by the court or as commanded by any legal process; or

(5) The defendant has been arrested while on bond.

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