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SENATE BILL 895
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 6,
relative to early voting and absentee ballots.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-304, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(c) The counting board official is authorized to open the sealed absentee ballot envelopes, remove the absentee ballots and count and record the absentee ballot votes and the early voting ballot votes once the polls open on election day. If prior to the time all polls in the county close, the counting of all such absentee ballots and early voting votes is completed, such votes may be totaled; but in no event may the results or vote totals be released until after all polls in the county are closed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.