

CHAPTER NO. 707

HOUSE BILL NO. 573

By Representative Bunch

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 857

By Senator Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 15 and Title 27, Chapter 5, relative to appeals from general sessions courts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 27-5-108(a), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (a)(1) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subdivision (a)(2):

(2) If there are multiple parties in a case before the general sessions court in which comparative fault is an issue at trial, and if one (1) or more of the parties, but not all, perfects an appeal of decision of the sessions court to the circuit court, as provided in this section, then the appealing party shall serve written notice to all other parties that an appeal has been taken. Such written notice shall be sent to the last known address of each such party or to the party's legal counsel. The other parties shall have ten (10) days from receipt of such notice to perfect an appeal.

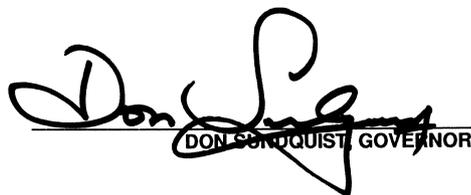
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 24, 2002


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 1st day of May 2002


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR