

HOUSE BILL 2109
By Bone

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to the general assembly.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 3-1-115.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, a member of the general assembly who is called into active military service of the United States, as defined in § 58-1-102, from a reserve or national guard unit, and in which such person is actively engaged in an armed conflict prescribed by presidential proclamation or federal law, need not be present in person at a committee meeting or at a session of the house of the general assembly of which the person is a member in order to vote at such meeting or session.

(b) The vote of such member shall be counted as a valid vote if the member's vote is registered by telephone, facsimile transmission, electronic mail or other Internet communication, or other method of communication within twenty-four (24) hours after a vote is conducted at the meeting or session.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.