

HOUSE BILL 2385
By Davidson

AN ACT to amend Chapter 140 of the Private Acts of 1955; as amended by Chapter 221 of the Private Acts of 1965; Chapter 14 of the Private Acts of 1971 and Chapter 322 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the general sessions court of Robertson County.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 140 of the Private Acts of 1955; as amended by Chapter 221 of the Private Acts of 1965; Chapter 14 of the Private Acts of 1971 and Chapter 322 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto is further amended by adding the following new section:

Section ____.

(a) Effective September 1, 2006, there is created Part II of the general sessions court of Robertson County. At the August general election in 2006, and every eight (8) years thereafter, the qualified voters of Robertson County shall elect a person to serve as judge of Part II of the court of general sessions for an eight-year term.

(b) The current judge of the general sessions court of Robertson County shall serve as judge of Part I of such court.

(c) The person serving as judge of Part II shall be required to possess all of the same qualifications as the judge of Part I and shall be vested with the same authority and jurisdiction to try, hear and dispose of cases and other matters that come before such court as is conferred upon the judge of Part I.

(d) The judge of Part II shall receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner as the judge of Part I.

(e) Beginning September 1, 2006, the judge of Part I of the general sessions court of Robertson County shall serve as the presiding judge for a two (2) year term. On September 1, 2008, the judge of Part II shall serve as the presiding judge for a two (2) year term and, every two (2) years thereafter, the position of presiding judge shall rotate between the two (2) judges. The presiding judge shall designate, determine, and set the cases and times for holding court for each judge.

(f) Robertson County shall provide all funding necessary for the establishment and operation of Part II of the court of general sessions of Robertson County created by this act, as well as a courtroom, office space and such personnel as is necessary to efficiently operate such court.

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

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.