

HOUSE BILL 2539

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 22; Title 36; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and
Title 57, relative to pardons.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-27-108, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Unless specifically limited or provided otherwise by the terms of the pardon, any person, convicted of an offense, who receives a pardon by the governor of this or any other state for such offense shall be restored to all the rights of citizenship under the law of Tennessee to which the person was entitled prior to the conviction.

(b) The record of the conviction for which such person is pardoned shall not be considered in administering the provisions of § 8-18-101, § 22-1-102, § 38-8-106, § 39-17-1307, § 39-17-1316, § 39-17-1351, § 40-11-128, § 40-20-114(b), § 40-20-115, and § 40-29-204.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed in any way as intending to modify or abridge the pardoning power of the governor or the governor's power to grant full or conditional pardons.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, and shall apply to those pardons issued on or after July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.