

SENATE BILL 426

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16
and Title 17, relative to courts and jurisdiction.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 2, Part 5, is amended by
adding the following new section:

§ 16-2-521.

(a) By November 1, 2010, and every ten (10) years thereafter, the
general assembly shall examine, and revise where necessary, the composition of
the judicial districts to better reflect the growth of and shifts in the population of
this state.

(b) The goal of judicial redistricting is to equalize the ratio of judges to
citizens from district to district so that each citizen has equal access to the court
system and judicial personnel.

(c) In the process of revising and realigning judicial districts, the
jurisdiction of trial court judges shall be examined to determine if changing the
jurisdiction of the judges provides the citizens of this state greater access to the
courts.

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