

HOUSE BILL 972

By DeBerry J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, to subject members of the General Assembly to the same laws as are applicable to elected municipal, county and other elected local officials enacted in the public interest to provide transparency and accountability in government.

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 language as a new, appropriately designated section:

3-1-1___. The members of the general assembly shall be subject to and shall conform to the same laws as are applicable to elected municipal, county and other elected local officials with regard to any law, statute, rule or regulation that is not strictly local in nature or effect, enacted in the public interest to provide transparency and accountability in government.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall remain in full force and effect unless and until repealed or modified by a future General Assembly.