

SENATE BILL 2523

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
relative to local elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-201(a), is amended by deleting the language "or for any office to be voted on by the voters of a county".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-202, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) All municipal and county elections shall be nonpartisan.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203, is amended by deleting subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d), and by redesignating subsection (e) accordingly.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-204, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

This section shall not apply to municipal and county elections which, pursuant to § 2-13-202, are required to be nonpartisan.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-206, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-207, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-208, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-206, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b) and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, in any municipality in which the charter of such municipality provides for a runoff election, such runoff election may be held not less than thirty (30) days following the election. The county election commission holding such runoff election shall provide a procedure for absentee voting in such election.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-105, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) In the event that only one (1) political party elects to hold a primary election for an office for which candidates are chosen in a primary election pursuant to § 2-13-202, then only members of that political party who call the primary shall be appointed to serve at the polls as election officials as required by this title.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language " for which a May primary has been called under § 2-13-203" and by substituting instead the language "for candidates who are required to be chosen in a May primary election pursuant to § 2-13-202".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-219, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all elections scheduled to be held on or after the effective date of this act.