

HOUSE BILL 2552

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 6, relative to municipal elections in any municipality with a population of not less than five hundred thirty (530) nor more than five hundred thirty-nine (539) that is located in any county having a population of not less than fourteen thousand one hundred (14,100) nor more than fourteen thousand two hundred (14,200) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-53-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(k)

(1) Persons owning at least a fifty percent (50%) fee simple interest in a parcel of real property of at least five thousand square feet (5,000 sq. ft.) or appraised for tax purposes at not less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the six (6) month period immediately preceding an election, who are otherwise qualified to vote in state elections in this state, shall be eligible to vote in municipal elections; provided, that the person is properly registered to vote.

(2) Subdivision (k)(1) shall only apply in any municipality with a population of not less than five hundred thirty (530) nor more than five hundred thirty-nine (539) that is located in any county having a population of not less than fourteen thousand one hundred (14,100) nor more than fourteen thousand two hundred (14,200) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(3) Subdivision (k)(1) shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the municipal legislative body of any municipality to which it may apply.

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

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.