

SENATE BILL 1288

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5 and
Title 12, relative to local government.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (c):

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(A) Notwithstanding this section and § 12-4-101, effective July 1, 2015, if a member of a local governing body of a county or municipality, or the member's immediate family, is also an employee of the county or municipality, the member is prohibited from voting on any matter in which the member has a conflict of interest.

(B) As used in this subdivision (c)(4), "immediate family" means a spouse, child, stepchild, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, or grandparent of the member.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-101, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (c):

(4)

(A) Notwithstanding this section or § 5-5-102, effective July 1, 2015, any member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality who is also an employee of the county or municipality, or whose immediate family is an employee of the county or municipality, shall, regardless of when the member's employment began, not vote on matters in which the member, or the member's immediate family, has a conflict of interest.

(B) As used in this subdivision (c)(4), "immediate family" means a spouse, child, stepchild, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, or grandparent of the member.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.