

Senate State and Local Government Committee 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB0727

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 727*

House Bill No. 1077

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-302, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f) This part applies only in counties having a population of not less than forty-four thousand five hundred (44,500) nor more than forty-four thousand six hundred (44,600), in counties having a population of not less than one hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred (113,900) nor more than one hundred fourteen thousand (114,000), and in counties having a population of not less than one hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred (183,100) nor more than one hundred eighty-three thousand two hundred (183,200), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-302, is further amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety, and substituting instead the following:

(a) After the required approval of the project plan for the convenient voting centers, the county election commission may create a program that establishes convenient voting centers within the county pursuant to § 2-3-303 for local elections conducted in 2019, and for federal, state, and local elections held in 2020.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-302, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

() Prior to closing a polling location due to the opening or availability of a convenient voting center, the county election commission shall announce a thirty-day

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period in which the commission shall receive public comment from registered voters regarding the closing of the polling location.

() If a polling location is closed due to the opening of a convenient voting center, the county election commission shall endeavor to ensure that convenient voting centers are located in locations convenient to voters who had been assigned to the closed polling location.

() If a polling location is closed due to the opening of a convenient voting center, the county election commission shall post signage on election day, and during the early voting period if that polling location was used as an early voting center, in a conspicuous manner on or near the entrances to the closed polling location that states that the polling location is closed and that provides the address of each convenient voting center. The posting requirement must be met until after the next November statewide general election following the closure.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.