

HOUSE BILL 185

By Sexton C

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-14-202(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following:

(4)

(A) If a vacancy as described in subdivision (d)(1) occurs within forty-five (45) days of the next general election for legislators, members of the county executive committees who represent the precincts composing such senate district may nominate a candidate to appear on the November election ballot by any method authorized under the rules of the party within forty-eight (48) hours of notice of the vacancy. Persons so chosen shall be certified to every county election commission wholly or partially in the district by twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, within forty-eight (48) hours of being nominated. Independent candidates shall qualify by filing petitions as provided for in § 2-5-104 by twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the same date party candidates are being certified. This date shall be published by the county election commission on its website.

(B) Any election held pursuant to subdivision (d)(4)(A) shall not be subject to early voting provisions in § 2-6-102.

(C) The county election commission shall allow any person, who did vote early for the November election, to additionally cast a ballot in person on election day for any state senate election held pursuant to this subdivision (d)(4)(A).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.