

**CHAPTER NO. 87**

**SENATE BILL NO. 160**

**By Henry, Harper**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 649

By Harwell, Sherry Jones, West

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-601, relative to voting by full-time residents of licensed nursing homes, homes for the aged or similar institutions providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than penal institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-601, is amended by deleting the last sentence in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

The procedure for voting in this section shall be the only method by which individuals may vote in an election if such individuals are full-time residents of any licensed nursing home, home for the aged or similar licensed institution providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than a penal institution. Nothing in this section shall in any manner be construed to prohibit an individual from voting during the early voting period at a location established for early voting, or otherwise voting in person on election day at either the commission office, in accordance with the provisions of §2-3-109(e), or the individual's polling place, if such an individual is a full-time resident in such home or institution and the individual is medically able to go to the commission office, the person's polling place, or a location established for early voting for the purpose of voting.

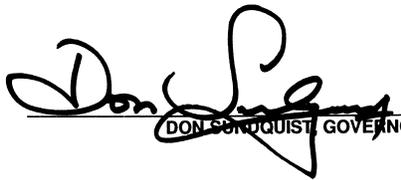
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 25, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of April 1999

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR