

CHAPTER NO. 488

SENATE BILL NO. 582

By Kyle, Burks, Kurita

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1587

By McMillan, Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to electronic filing of lobbyist registrations, disclosures and reports.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 3-6-115.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the registry of election finance shall:

(1) Develop, with the advice, assistance and approval of the office of information resources, an Internet-based electronic filing process for use by all lobbyists that are required to register and file reports with the registry of election finance;

(2) Develop, with the advice, assistance and approval of the office of information resources, a system that provides each lobbyist with secure access to the electronic registration and filing system. The system shall provide safeguards against efforts to tamper or change the data in any way; and

(3) Provide training to lobbyists on the use of the electronic registration and filing system.

(b) The registry of election finance, once the development of the electronic registration and filing system is completed and tested, shall provide public notice that the system is operational and available for registrants and filers to commence use; provided, that no person shall be required to register or file electronically.

(c) The registry shall provide public access of filed information; provided, that all information entered by any lobbyist into the electronic registration and filing system shall remain confidential until the information is filed with the registry of election finance.

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

PASSED: May 28, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of June 2005


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