

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 161****SENATE BILL NO. 518****By Kyle****Substituted for: House Bill No. 1757****By John Deberry, Ulysses Jones, Hardaway**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3 and Title 8, Chapter 17, Part 1, relative to ethical standards for certain officials and employees of any county having a population of 800,000 or more according to the 2000 census or any subsequent federal census.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-301(19), is amended by deleting the semi-colon ";" at the end of the item and by substituting instead the following:

. "Official in the executive branch" also includes any administrative governmental official or employee of any county exercising the authority set forth in § 8-17-103(b);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-301(20), is amended by deleting the semi-colon ";" at the end of the item and by substituting instead the following:

. "Official in the legislative branch" also includes any legislative governmental official or employee of any county exercising the authority set forth in § 8-17-103(b);

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-17-103, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection "(a)" and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection "(b)":

(b) By resolution of the county legislative body, any county having a population of eight hundred thousand (800,000) or more according to the 2000 census or any subsequent federal census, may elect to include all of its administrative officials and employees and all of its legislative officials and employees within the meaning and scope of the provisions of Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3, as if such county officials and employees were officials and employees of state government. Upon adopting any such resolution on or before June 30, 2007, the county shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this part, provided that the county must periodically reimburse the Tennessee Ethics Commission for the commission's increased costs arising from oversight and regulation of such county officials and employees.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 2, 2007**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 15th day of May 2007**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR