

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1051

HOUSE BILL NO. 1442

By Representatives Dunn, Tindell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 551

By Senator Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-112 and Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, relative to prohibiting county election commission members and state election commission members from certain political activity.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-112(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2) No member of a county election commission who is appointed to the commission after the effective date of this act shall be the campaign manager or treasurer of any candidate's political campaign in a local, state or federal election during the commissioner's term of office. A violation of this subdivision subjects the member to immediate removal from office by a majority vote of the state election commission. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit a member of the county election commission from providing uncompensated advice on a one-on-one basis to a candidate or party officer, nor shall it prohibit the providing of a financial contribution to a candidate or party organization.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

2-11-111. No member of the state election commission who is appointed to the commission after the effective date of this act shall be the campaign manager or treasurer of any candidate's political campaign in a local, state or federal election during the commissioner's term of office. A violation of this section subjects the member to immediate removal from office by a majority vote of the other members of the state election commission. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a member of the state election commission from providing uncompensated advice on a one-on-one basis to a candidate or party officer, nor shall it prohibit the providing of a financial contribution to a candidate or party organization.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 13, 2008



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER
SENATE OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR