



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 179**

**SENATE BILL NO. 127**

**By Ketron**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 889

**By Lynn**

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-8-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

(e) Upon certifying the results of a referendum held by a municipality or county pursuant to title 57, the county election commission shall send certification of the results to the alcoholic beverage commission.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-109, is amended by deleting the first sentence of subsection (b) and by substituting instead the following language:

When the thirtieth day before an election falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, applications for registration shall be accepted and processed the next business day following such Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-211(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) At least five (5) days before the beginning of an early voting period and at least five (5) days before an election, the county election commission shall:

(1) Publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation. Where voting machines are used, the sample ballot shall be the machine sample ballot. The sample ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and all offices and a statement of all questions on which voters may vote. A sample ballot does not have to be published in a newspaper of general circulation if a sample ballot that complies with this section has been mailed at least five (5) days prior to the beginning of the early voting period to every active registered voter. If more than one (1) registered voter is at the same address, then only one (1) sample ballot may be sent to that address; and

(2) Post a sample ballot on a website maintained by the county election commission or, if the county election commission does not have or maintain a website, on the website maintained by the secretary of state. The sample ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and all offices and a statement of all questions on which voters may vote.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 10, 2013

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2013

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR