



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 488

### SENATE BILL NO. 1320

By Dickerson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1208

By Odom, Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-101, relative to municipal elections.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-101(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following:

(2)(A) Each polling place shall be in the precinct it is to serve except for municipal elections not held in conjunction with:

- (i) Any primary election;
- (ii) The regular August or November general elections;
- (iii) Any special primary or special general election for state or federal offices; or
- (iv) The presidential preference primary.

(B) Where a municipal election is not held in conjunction with an election specified in (a)(2)(A) and if a polling place is located outside of the boundaries of a municipality but the precinct the polling place serves includes residents of the municipality, the county election commission may designate a polling place outside, but closest to the geographic precinct within the limits of the municipality, of the precinct it is to serve. The county election commission may, upon request from a municipality, consolidate one (1) or more polling places, from one (1) or more precincts, within the limits of the municipality.

(C) Immediately after the consolidation of one (1) or more polling places, from one (1) or more precincts within the limits of the municipality, the county election commission shall publish a notice of the consolidation in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The county election commission shall mail to each active voter whose polling place is affected, a notice of the new polling place and the precinct number. The county election commission shall give written notification of the consolidation to the office of local government, comptroller of the treasury.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-101(a)(3), is amended by adding the language "except in an emergency" before the period (.) at the end of the first sentence of the subdivision.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: February 5, 2014



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR