



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 982

SENATE BILL NO. 1662

By Kelsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1687

By Durham, Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14; Title 39, Chapter 16 and Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to disruptive and illegal conduct.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-102(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (b)(2):

(2) It is no defense to prosecution under this section that the person who sought to influence a public official took action on behalf of a public or private organization or any other entity, for the purpose of organizing a campaign or for any other lawful purpose.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-112(a), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivisions:

(3) Impair any entity, from the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured by the Constitution of Tennessee, the United States Constitution or the laws of the state, in an effort to obtain something of value for any entity.

(A) For purposes of this section, "something of value" includes, but is not limited to, a neutrality agreement, card check agreement, recognition, or other objective of a corporate campaign.

(B) For purposes of this section, "corporate campaign" means any organized effort to unlawfully bring pressure on an entity, other than through collective bargaining, or any other activity protected by federal law.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-301(3), is amended by deleting the language "which," and by substituting instead the language "whether or not participating in any otherwise lawful activity, which,".

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

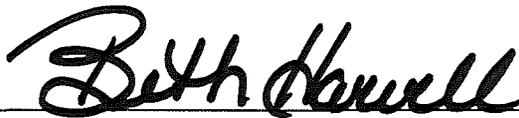
SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply only to all offenses occurring on or after July 1, 2014.

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PASSED: April 17, 2014



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR