



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 484

### SENATE BILL NO. 137

By Tate

Substituted for: House Bill No. 695

By Akbari, Camper, Parkinson, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 13, Part 2 and Title 2, Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to selection of candidates.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-204(b)(4), is amended by deleting the first two sentences in the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

If the office to be filled is a seat in the general assembly, then it shall be filled by the members of the party's county executive committee who reside within that district, except that in counties having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, then the office shall be filled by the members of the party's county executive committee who represent precincts within that district. In a county with two (2) or more districts, only members of the county executive committee who reside within a particular district shall determine the method of nomination in that district except that in counties having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, only members of the party's county executive committee who represent precincts within that district shall determine the method of nomination in that district. If no member of the county executive committee resides within a district, then the members of the county executive committees who represent precincts within the district may nominate a candidate.

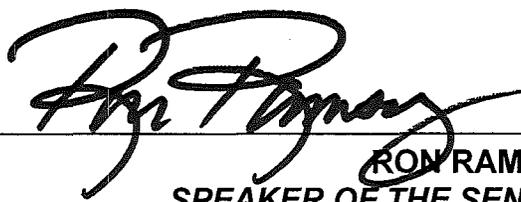
SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-14-202(d)(3), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

If a vacancy as described in subdivision (d)(1) occurs after the sixth Thursday before the primary election, then the members of the county executive committees who reside within the senate district may nominate a candidate to appear on the November election ballot by any method authorized under the rules of the party; provided, however, if no member of the county executive committee resides within the senate district, then the members of the county executive committees who represent precincts within the senate district may nominate a candidate. If a vacancy as described in subdivision (d)(1) occurs after the sixth Thursday before the primary election in any county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, then the members of the county executive committees who represent the precincts composing such senate district may nominate a candidate to appear on the November election ballot by any method authorized under the rules of the party.

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

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PASSED: April 22, 2015



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2015



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