

**PRIVATE CHAPTER NO. 3**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 126**

**By Representative Bell**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 191**

**By Senator Bunch**

AN ACT to amend Chapter 455 of the Private Acts of 1953; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the City of Athens.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 455 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended, is amended by deleting the language in the first sentence of Article XX, Section 7 after the phrase "Be it further enacted," and by substituting instead the following language:

That said Board of Education shall, at its first meeting after the official certification of each general city election, elect from its number for a two-year term, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer; provided, however, that the board in its discretion, may combine the latter two (2) offices and may appoint the Superintendent of Schools as its Secretary or Treasurer, either or both.

SECTION 2. Chapter 455 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended, is amended by deleting the last sentence of Article XXI, Section 10, which reads "No such rate change shall be made effective earlier than seventeen days after the passage of the resolution on second reading."

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the city council of the City of Athens. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of city council of the City of Athens and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.

**PASSED: March 14, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of March 2007

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR