

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 990**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2638**

**By Black**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2653

By Maggart, McDonald, Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to parking regulations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-161, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(d) A county may, by resolution of the county legislative body, prohibit parking on any roadway under its jurisdiction other than a federal aid or state highway when such parking is dangerous to those using the highway or interferes with the free movement of traffic. The county, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, shall place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any highway where, as designated by the county, stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic on those highways. Such signs shall be official signs and no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in violation of the restrictions stated on such signs. The primary responsibility for enforcing this subsection shall be on the county prohibiting parking on any roadway under its jurisdiction. A violation of this section shall be punishable as provided by Section 55-8-103. Each day a motor vehicle is in violation of this subsection shall be a separate event. In the interest of public safety a county may remove a motor vehicle that is abandoned or disabled.

(e) Except as provided in subsection (d), the department, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction outside of the limits of municipalities, shall place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any highway where, as designated by the department, stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic on those highways. Such signs shall be official signs and no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in violation of the restrictions stated on such signs.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-161, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b)(1) Local authorities may by ordinance permit parking of vehicles with the left-hand wheels adjacent to and within eighteen inches (18") of the left-hand curb of a one-way roadway.

(2) Local authorities in any county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, upon determining that such parking would not interfere with the free movement of traffic nor cause an undue safety hazard, may by ordinance permit parking of vehicles with the left-hand wheels adjacent to and within eighteen inches (18") of the left-hand curb of a roadway.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 24, 2010**



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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2010**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR