



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 182

HOUSE BILL NO. 612

By Representative McCormick

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 599

By Senator Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to the presidential preference primary.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(2), is amended by deleting the third sentence and by substituting instead the following language:

In presidential election years, if a political party calls for the county primary in March, the qualifying deadline for candidates in the primary and independent candidates for those offices shall be twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Thursday in December.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(3), is amended by adding the following sentence after the first sentence:

Candidates in municipal elections held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary election shall file their nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Thursday in December.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-205, is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following sentence:

On the first Tuesday in March before presidential electors are elected, a presidential preference primary shall be held for each statewide political party.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, 2-12-109(d), is amended by deleting the language "in February" in the second sentence.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, 2-13-306, is amended by deleting the language "February" and substituting instead the language "March".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-205, is amended by deleting the language "first Tuesday in February" and substituting instead the language "first Tuesday in March".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 25, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR