

State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 789

HOUSE BILL NO. 2978

By Representative Dennis

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2795

By Senator Faulk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-102; Section 17-2-112; Section 17-2-202; Section 17-1-105 and Section 23-3-102, relative to judges.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-102(13)(A), is amended by deleting the language "judges and chancellors," and by substituting instead "general sessions and juvenile court judges,".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-102(13)(B), is amended by adding the language "trial judge, chancellor" between "constitutional convention," and "district attorney general,".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-1-105, is amended by adding the following language at the end of the current section:

A newly elected or appointed judge or chancellor can practice law only in an effort to wind up the judge or chancellor's practice, ceasing to practice as soon as reasonably possible and in no event longer than one hundred eighty (180) days after assuming office.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-112, is amended by deleting the language "the chancellor may notify any one (1) of the circuit court judges, whose duty it shall be at the next term of the circuit court of the county in which the incompetency exists, and while holding the court, to hear and determine the cause as chancellor" and by substituting instead "a circuit judge may hear and determine the cause as chancellor".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-2-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(3) in its entirety and by relettering the existing subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 23-3-102, is amended by adding the following after the first sentence of the section:

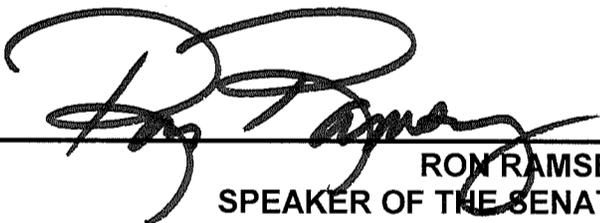
A newly elected or appointed judge or chancellor can practice law only in an effort to wind up the judge or chancellor's practice, ceasing to practice as soon as reasonably possible and in no event longer than one hundred eighty (180) days after assuming office.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 9, 2012


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR