



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 472

SENATE BILL NO. 1221

By Bell, Gardenhire, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 979

By Matthew Hill, Kevin Brooks, Smith, Carter, Moody, Sparks, Doss, Shaw, Timothy Hill,
Mark White, Butt, Rogers, Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-407 and Title 24, relative to religious speech.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-407, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

A government entity, excluding courts, shall not subpoena a clergy member's sermon, including notes used to prepare a sermon, for use in a civil or administrative action.

SECTION 2. 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 18th day of MAY 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR