

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 947

HOUSE BILL NO. 2483

By Representatives Zachary, Reedy, Crawford, Ogles, Sherrell, Cochran, Todd, Powers, Cepicky, Terry, Moody, Howell, White, Lafferty, Lynn

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2487

By Senators Briggs, Bailey, Bowling, Rose, Walley, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 1, relative to election laws.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "County election official" means the county election commission, administrator of elections, or county election commission staff; and

(2) "State official" means the governor, the secretary of state, the coordinator of elections, a member of the state election commission, or other official of a state entity authorized to act under this title.

(b) State officials and county election officials shall consult with the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives prior to entering into consent decrees to change state election laws or rules.

(c) The general assembly has legal standing to file an action against state officials and county election officials for violating this section.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: _____ April 13, 2022

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29th day of April 2022

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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR