

CHAPTER NO. 653

SENATE BILL NO. 2811

By Rochelle

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2384

By Buck, Winningham

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-111, relative to county commission districts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-111(f), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(f)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (f)(2) below, in the establishment of boundaries for districts no precinct shall be split.

(2) Upon written certification by the coordinator of elections, a county election commission may establish a precinct which encompasses two (2) or more districts in any county which has twenty (20) or more county legislative body districts. In making this determination the coordinator of elections shall consider, among other things, the type of voting equipment used in the county as well as the racial makeup of the districts and the cost savings to the county.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 17, 2002**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR