

CHAPTER NO. 216

SENATE BILL NO. 64

By Haynes, Harper, Bryson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 407

By Briley, Pruitt, West, Odom, Sherry Jones, Langster, Harwell, Michael Turner, Sontany, Garrett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 2, Part 5, to provide for additional trial court judges and chancellors in the twentieth judicial district.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(20)(A), is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

Effective September 1, 2003, there is created in the twentieth judicial district one (1) additional chancery court to be designated as Division IV and two (2) additional criminal courts to be designated as Division V and Division VI. The Governor shall appoint a person to serve as chancellor of Division IV of the chancery court, a person to serve as judge of Division V of the criminal court and a person to serve as judge of Division VI of the criminal court. The persons so appointed shall serve in such capacity until September 1, 2004, or until their successors are elected and qualified. At the August 2004 general election, the qualified voters of the twentieth judicial district shall elect, in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, one (1) person to serve as chancellor of Division IV of the chancery court, one (1) person to serve as judge of Division V of the criminal court and one (1) person to serve as judge of Division VI of the criminal court. The persons so elected at the August 2004 election shall hold office until September 1, 2006, and until their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, the chancellor and judges shall be elected for full eight (8)-year terms.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall have no effect, and no appointments shall be made pursuant to Section 3, unless funds are appropriated in the 2003-2004 appropriations act to fund the estimated first year's costs of any positions, and associated costs, authorized by this act.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of the Governor appointing persons to serve as chancellor and judge of the three (3) judicial positions created by this act, it shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall take effect on September 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2003


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2003


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR