RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

OF THE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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PREAMBLE

This booklet is prepared for the use of the members of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners.

Members are urged to familiarize themselves with the preliminary procedures herein contained.

In order to ensure the orderly processes of the Williamson County Board of County Commissioners and to assist the Chairperson of the Board of the County Commission and the County Mayor in executing their responsibilities to the respective members of this Board, these Rules of Procedure and Regulations for Conduct should be vigorously enforced.

DEFINITIONS

Agenda - Shall mean the written agenda for the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be prepared by the County Mayor and Chairperson of the Board in consultation, with the assistance of the Clerk.

Board of Commissioners - Shall mean the Board of County Commissioners for Williamson County, being the legislative body of such political subdivision of the State of Tennessee.

Chairperson of the Board - Shall mean the person elected as Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners by the Commissioners assembled in a regularly constituted meeting. When by law the County Mayor chooses to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, such person shall carry out all duties prescribed for the Chairperson of the Board as is herein set forth, and as provided by law.

Chairperson Pro Tempore - Shall mean that person elected by the Board of Commissioners to hold such office from time to time.

Clerk - Shall mean the County Court Clerk of Williamson County, Tennessee.

Commissioners (individually a Commissioner) - Shall mean the duly elected members of the Board of Commissioners who serve as the elected representatives of the electorate of the 12 legislative districts of Williamson County.

County Mayor - Shall mean the person elected as County Mayor by the electorate of Williamson County, Tennessee, or in the event of his death or inability to serve in such capacity, such person as is elected as his replacement by the Board of Commissioners for such remaining term, all as is prescribed by law.

Majority Vote - Shall mean a majority of the members constituting the Board of Commissioners.

Rules - Shall mean the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Commissioners as are approved by the Rules Committee of the Board of Commissioners, and adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Two-Thirds Vote - Shall mean two-thirds of the members constituting the Board of Commissioners.

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RULE 1

CONVENING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners shall meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of January, February, March, May, June, July, September, October, and November of each year, and at 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday in June, of each year for the purpose of adopting an annual budget. Should a meeting date of the Board of County Commissioners fall on a legal holiday, or an emergency arise, either the Chairman or a vote of a majority of the Board of Commissioners may hold the scheduled meeting on the following workday after the holiday or emergency. Notification to the members will be the responsibility of the Chairperson of the Board in conjunction with the County Mayor, and an agenda and the resolution packet shall be mailed to each Commissioner at least six (6) days prior to each session.

RULE 2

QUORUM

The Board of Commissioners shall be composed of 24 Commissioners. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of all members constituting the Board of Commissioners. A "majority vote" of the Board of Commissioners shall be a majority of the members constituting the Board of Commissioners. A "two-thirds vote" of the Board of Commissioners shall be two-thirds of the members constituting the Board of Commissioners. If the Board of Commissioners has 24 members at the time of the vote, a "majority vote" shall be 13 votes and a "two-thirds vote" shall be 16 votes.

RULE 3

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order by Chairperson of the Board. In the absence of the Chairperson of the Board, the Chairperson Pro Tempore shall preside.
2. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.
3. Roll Call.
4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting(s) and any special-called meeting which are submitted to the Board of Commissioners.
5. Citizen communication is designed to receive information from the public and Commissioners shall not ask questions of the speaker or seek the floor during this portion of the Agenda to respond to citizen communication.

Citizen communication guidelines are as follows:

a. A 30 minute time period will be set aside for citizen comments at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners.

b. Those interested in addressing the Board of Commissioners during citizen communication must sign up prior to the meeting giving their name and city of residence. Prior to speaking, the citizen will give the city of residence. Nothing herein shall require a citizen to give their address or phone number prior to addressing the Board of Commissioners. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the podium prior to the beginning of each regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting.

c. Requests to speak will be honored in the order in which they appear on the sign-up sheet. Should more than ten (10) individuals sign up to speak, the 30 minute time period will be evenly divided among all speakers. In all cases, Rule 3.5.d shall still apply.

d. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person or group. If there is more than one person speaking to the same subject, they should designate a spokesperson for the group.

e. No personal attacks will be permitted and no votes will be taken on any non-agenda items that meeting.

f. The Commission Chairperson shall have the right to rule any person out of order when, in the Chair's discretion, those comments are deemed to be inappropriate

6. Announcements, communications, messages and resolutions for special recognition.

7. Reports - county officers, department heads, boards, commissions and standing or special committees of the Board of Commissioners. All county officers, department heads, boards and commissions shall submit written reports at least one week prior to each regularly scheduled meeting to each Commissioner and shall attend and may make oral reports upon the request of the Commission at the regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners. The County Mayor and the Director of Schools must make oral presentations. Each oral report shall be limited to five (5) minutes, with the exception for the reports required by law.

   a. Any presentations that are presented to the County Commission under Reports during any scheduled meeting shall be limited to a maximum time of fifteen (15) minutes in length, excluding questions by the members of the County Commission.

8. Elections and appointments.

9. The consent agenda shall include those items which are typically considered routine items. The items that may be included on the consent agenda shall be those items concerning the acceptance of roads into the county road system, the reduction of the speed limit on roads in the county road system, funds in lieu of, authorization to sign addendums to annual lease agreements which do not materially alter the purpose of the lease agreement, memorandums of understanding that do not involve the appropriation of funds or that which are otherwise required to be approved pursuant Tennessee Law, list of notaries, easements provided by utility or communication companies that are on a form easement document that has been approved by prior County Commission action, authorizations to sign service agreements that do not exceed the current fiscal year, and authorizations to sign grant contracts with the State of Tennessee which do not require an amendment to the budget or appropriation of funds. New lease agreements, interlocal agreements, and agreements for services with terms exceeding the present budget year shall not be considered routine agreements to be included on the consent agenda. Nothing in this section shall limit a County Commissioner's ability to request any item be pulled from the consent agenda to be discussed and separate action taken. (Res. 6-99-30, 11-06-16, 11-10-11, 11-16-09, 10-20-12)

10. Unfinished business.

11. New business:
    1. Zoning Matters.
    2. Appropriations.
    3. Other

12. Adjournment.

RULE 4
GENERAL

4.1 WHO MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD

a. It is a Commissioner's right to address the Chairperson of Board and the entire Board of Commissioners at any appropriate time after proper recognition by the Chairperson of the Board.

b. A Commissioner shall speak no more than once on the same subject, until all Commissioners desiring to speak have had an opportunity to speak on it, and for no more than three (3) minutes at any one time, except that the maker of a motion or resolution, and the Chairperson of the committee to which the matter has been referred, shall each have the right to speak ten (10) minutes. This restriction may be waived by a majority vote of the Commissioners present.

c. A Commissioner may introduce a non-member and move for permission for such non-member to address the Board of Commissioners, which motion shall be undebatable and shall pass upon a majority vote of the Commissioners present. Each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes and his remarks be limited to the subject then being debated upon by the Board of Commissioners.

d. The Chairperson of the Board may call upon non-members to address the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of giving information and/or advice on matters then before the Board of Commissioners.

e. No persons except Commissioners and officers in the discharge of their duties shall be admitted within the podium area during the sessions of the Board of Commissioners unless invited by the Chairperson of the Board.

f. Should the Chairperson of the Board desire to speak upon any subject, other than in conducting the meeting and providing information from the Chairperson, he shall have the right to do so, provided he shall relinquish the Chairperson to the Chairperson Pro Tem for the duration of the consideration of the matter then before the Board of Commissioners. When so speaking before the Board of Commissioners, the Chairperson of the Board shall be subject to the same rules as any Commissioner.

g. When the Chairperson of the Board is presenting any question, or when any person is addressing the Board of Commissioners, no person shall engage in private conversation above a whisper or walk across the room between the Chairperson of the Board and the person speaking, or in any manner disturb the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner, while speaking, shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid all personal, indecorous or sarcastic language, and shall address all of his remarks to the Chairperson.

h. When the Board of Commissioners is holding public hearings on zoning matters, all persons present will be allowed to speak, subject to a three (3) minute time limitation per person. The Chairperson of the Board shall have the right to rule any person out of order when, in the Chair's discretion those comments are deemed to be not germane to the resolution being presented.

4.2 GAINING THE FLOOR

In all cases, commissioners, once properly recognized by the Chairperson of the Board, shall be entitled to address the Chairperson in the order in which they were recognized.

Should there be any dispute in the order in which the commissioners were recognized, the Chairperson shall decide the order in which the commissioners are to address the chair.

4.3 SPEAKING

When any Commissioner wishes to speak in debate or discourse on any matter whatsoever to the Board of Commissioners, he shall, after proper recognition by the Chairperson, respectfully address himself to the Chairperson and shall proceed in his remarks, and shall confine himself strictly to the questions under debate avoiding all personalities. The Chairperson of a committee, his designee or the author of a resolution may speak as often as the situation requires.

4.4 CONSENT TO YIELD

While a Commissioner or other person is speaking, he is not to be interrupted, unless he agrees to accept questions from other Commissioners. If the Commissioner or other speaker with the floor declines to yield the floor for a question, then he shall not be interrupted, but shall yield to questions at the end of the presentation. Such period of questions shall not be counted as part of his time for speaking as provided in Section 4.1.

4.5 POINTS OF ORDER

If any Commissioner, speaking or otherwise, transgresses these rules, the Chairperson of the Board shall, or any Commissioner may, call to order, in which case the Commissioner so called to order shall immediately yield the floor and cease debate. When the point of order has been decided by the Chairperson of the Board, the Commissioner entitled to the floor can proceed, subject to the decision on the point of order.

4.6 APPEAL OF RULING

Any Commissioner may appeal to the Board of Commissioners from ruling of the Chairperson of the Board and a majority vote of the Commissioners present shall decide the appeal.

4.7 NEW BUSINESS NOT ON AGENDA

New business not on the agenda at the opening of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners may be presented to the Board of Commissioners unless two (2) Commissioners object.

RULE 5
MOTIONS

5.1 INTRODUCTION AND DEBATE

Motions may only be made by Commissioners. No motion shall be debated until the same is seconded and stated by the Chairperson of the Board.

5.2 MOTIONS IN WRITING

Where practicable, when a motion is made and seconded, it shall be reduced to writing by the Clerk, and read by the Chairperson of the Board prior to any debate or vote.

5.3 ROLL CALL VOTE

Any motion may be put to the Board of Commissioners for a voice vote by the

Chairperson of the Board, provided, however any Commissioner may require a roll call by the raising of hand or indicating otherwise, either before or after the voice vote. A roll call vote is required when making appropriations, adopting a budget or electing certain officials, as required by law. Unless the voting board display is being used to conduct the roll call vote, when a roll call vote is being taken any Commissioner may "pass". The Clerk shall then, at the conclusion of the roll call, recall the name of any passing Commissioner, at which time he must vote or abstain. Every Commissioner shall be entitled to vote or change his vote at any time prior to the official announcement by the Chairperson of the Board or the Clerk of the final vote tally. When the voting display board is being utilized to tabulate the votes of the Board of Commissioners on a roll call vote, the Chairperson may ask if a Commissioner desires to change his vote prior to the Clerk or Chairperson giving the vote tally to the Board of Commissioners for official declaration. No change in voting will be allowed after the vote tally is officially announced.

5.4 DEBATING THE SUBJECT

No Commissioner who has spoken upon any subject before the Board of Commissioners shall be allowed to call for the previous question until all members desiring to speak upon the subject under debate have had an opportunity of so doing. Once a call of the question is made and seconded, the Chairperson shall read the names of those Commissioners that had requested to speak on the resolution before the Commission prior to the call of the question being made. Once the names are read, the Chairperson shall conduct the vote with no further discussion or debate. The motion to call of the question shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the present members to be effective.

5.5 MOTION TO TABLE

If a Commissioner desires to lay a motion aside temporarily without setting a time for resuming its consideration, but with the provision that it can be taken up again whenever a majority decides, a motion to table can be made and adopted if a majority vote supporting the motion is received. Whenever a motion or resolution has been presented to the Board of Commissioners and an amendment or amendments to the same have been offered, and after such amendments, a motion to table is made, such motion to table shall not take with it the original motion or resolution. Any discussion must cease after a motion to table is made and properly seconded, except that one proposer of the motion or resolution which is subject to the motion to table may speak to the subject, as well as the maker of the motion to table. All motions to table that have not been taken up by the June Commission Meeting in the same fiscal year in which the motion was made shall die for lack of action.

5.6 MOTION TO RESCIND

The purpose of the act to rescind a motion is to permit the maker of the motion and the second to agree to withdraw their motion before action is taken on the motion. The maker of a motion may withdraw the motion only if the member that seconded the motion agrees to withdraw the second. Rescinding a motion may not be made once any subsequent action has been taken on the motion. For the purpose of this rule, "action" means an act of taking a vote on the issue or the act of making a subsequent motion which receives a second, including, but not limited to a motion to amend, motion to table, or other like secondary motions. The definition of action shall not include the original motion and second to get the issue on the table or any discussion conducted before a vote

or amendment is made.

5.7 RECONSIDERATION OF A MOTION

The purpose of a motion to reconsider is to permit a subsequent vote on an action that was taken in haste, based on erroneous information or that new information became known which may have brought about a different effect. A motion to reconsider may be made and

seconded during the same meeting in which the original action was taken by members of the prevailing side and approved by a majority of the membership. A motion to reconsider may be made at the next scheduled meeting following the meeting in which the action took place, made and seconded by members on the prevailing side, and approved by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership.

5.8 PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

The order of precedence of motions, as set out in the latest copyrighted edition of Robert's Revised Rules of Order, shall be strictly followed.

RULE 6
RESOLUTIONS

6.1 FILING RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions and amendments that are included with the resolution at time of filing shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners in writing before the same can be considered by the Board of Commissioners for action. Only members of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners shall sponsor resolutions and amendments. All resolutions shall be signed by a member(s) of the Legislative Body as the sponsor(s) of resolutions and amendments, prior to being filed with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners. All resolutions for consideration of the Board of Commissioners shall be filed with the County Clerk by 12:00 Noon fourteen (14) days preceding the next regular meeting. At that time, the time for filing resolutions shall be considered closed. Once the agenda is compiled, that agenda, along with all resolutions, shall be forwarded to the Information Technology Department to be processed and scanned and placed on the Williamson County web page. If a contract is attached to a resolution, only the first page of the contract shall be included with the corresponding resolution in the hard copy agenda packets mailed to County Commissioners, provided that a complete hard copy is available at the Clerk's Office for public review and a complete electronic version is accessible to both County Commissioners and the public.

6.2 RESOLUTIONS TO BE STUDIED BY STANDING COMMITTEES

Each Chairperson of a Standing or Special Committee shall convene the committee prior to the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of considering those resolutions with the purpose to study and make recommendations regarding the resolutions to the Board of Commissioners at its next regular meeting. If desired, a minority report may also be presented at said meeting. When a resolution is prepared, the name of the commissioner, individual, or department head requesting action on the unfiled resolution shall be included under the resolution

number.

6.3 SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions which are passed by the Board of Commissioners shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Board for his signature and attested by the signature of the Clerk. The resolution, along with the vote of the Commissioners, shall then be submitted to the County Mayor, within five (5) days of its passage, for his consideration in accordance with law. If the County Mayor signs it, the resolution shall become effective immediately or at a later date if the resolution so provides.

6.4 UNSUCCESSFUL RESOLUTIONS

If the County Mayor vetoes the resolution, he shall return it to the Board of Commissioners for action on his veto, by transmitting the disapproved resolution to the Clerk, together with any written veto message the County Mayor chooses to provide. The Clerk shall thereafter immediately provide the Chairperson of the Board and each Commissioner with a copy of the resolution so disapproved by the County Mayor, together with whatever written veto message accompanies it. Any matter vetoed by the County Mayor shall automatically be placed on the Agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners to consider such vetoed resolution, a "motion to override" the County Mayor's veto shall be the appropriate motion to bring such matter before the Board of Commissioners, as with all resolutions it must be seconded, but shall not be subject to amendment. It shall require a Majority Vote of the Board of Commissioners to override a veto by the County Mayor. Such vote must take place within twenty (20) days of the Clerk's receiving the written message of veto from the County Mayor, or at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, whichever is later. If the County Mayor fails to either sign or to veto a resolution and to report his action to the Board of County Commissioners as herein prescribed within ten (10) days after the resolution is submitted to him, the resolution shall become effective without his signature upon the expiration of the ten (10) day period or at a later date if the resolution so provides. The veto may not be exercised with respect to specific items or parts of items in the annual county budget, and may only be exercised with respect to the whole.

6.5 ACTION OF CLERK WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTIONS

In addition to the duties of the Clerk with respect to receiving resolutions for filing, as provided in this Section 6 hereof, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to transmit all resolutions between the Board of Commissioners and the County Mayor, as provided in this Section 6 of the Rules. In this regard, the Clerk shall stamp on the face of all communications, including resolutions, the date and time of his receipt of such matters. Receipt by the Clerk shall be deemed as receipt by the Board of Commissioners. The Clerk may correct insubstantial typographical errors in a resolution prior to its presentation on the floor of the Commission, provided that any such correction changes neither the purpose nor the intent of the resolution. The Clerk may also enter committee votes and reports on the affected resolution, if available, before the proposed resolution and Agenda are sent to the Commission by the Clerk’s office. The Clerk shall, in addition, maintain a permanent file of all resolutions acted on by the Board of Commissioners. Each file shall contain all the pertinent information, including the filing date and time, by whom introduced, action by the Board of Commissioners, and action by the County Mayor. The Clerk, together with the Rules Committee and the Board of

Commissioners, may adopt such forms for resolutions as are deemed appropriate from time to time. Within five (5) workdays from the date the resolutions are signed or from the ten day veto period, a listing of each commissioner's vote on each resolution shall be drafted and posted on the Williamson County web page.

RULE 7
ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

7.1 NOTICE TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

a. Whenever an office is required to be filled, or a vacancy occurs in any office required to be filled, by the Board of Commissioners, the County Clerk shall provide notice to every Commissioner of the need to fill the office or vacancy at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Board of Commissioners' meeting at which the office is to be filled. In addition, the Chairperson shall direct that public notice be given in a newspaper of general circulation in Williamson County at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Board of Commissioners' meeting at which the office is to be filled, notifying the public of the vacancy or opening and specifying the office or offices to be filled at the meeting.

b. With the exception of those nominees that are made from the floor by either a citizen of Williamson County or a sitting Williamson County Commissioner, all nominees for consideration in elections and appointments shall submit to the County Clerk to be included with the Agenda, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Title;
2. Duties and term of position to be filled;
3. Name and address of nominee;
4. Voting district in which nominee resides;
5. If applicable, the salary amount;
6. Names of persons, organizations or informal group recommending the nominee; and
7. Brief biographical information of the nominee furnished by the person or organization recommending the nominee.

c. All nominations for appointments and elections by the County Mayor as provided for by law and which are to be voted on by the Board of Commissioners, shall be submitted to the Commissioners with the Agenda for the next meeting.

d. Prior to any vote taken, the Chairman shall allow registered voters of Williamson County an opportunity to submit names to the County Commission for consideration. The names may be submitted in writing to the Chairman prior to the meeting or may be submitted in person at the meeting. In order for a name to be considered, a County Commissioner must subsequently nominate the person. County Commissioners may still nominate a candidate or candidates from the floor. Nominations do not need a second from another Commissioner to be a valid nomination. Once nominations cease, the County Commission may discuss the nominations and, at the discretion of the Chairman, may interview or allow nominees the opportunity to speak. The County Commission may postpone a vote to fill a vacancy to a subsequent meeting if approved by a majority of the members. Each Commissioner's vote regarding the appointment process must be recorded by the County Clerk and entered on the Minutes of the Legislative Body.

e. Except for vacancies to the Board of Education, the County Legislative Body shall make appointments to fill any vacancy within 120 days of receiving notice of the vacancy,

unless during that time period there is a general election scheduled and there is sufficient time for the vacancy to be placed on the ballot. A vacancy on the Board of Education must be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the County Legislative Body but only if the vacancy occurs more than fifteen (15) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. In the event the vacancy on the Board of Education is effective within fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, the vacancy shall be filled at the following regularly scheduled meeting for the purpose of providing notice of the Board of Education vacancy. For the purposes of this rule and Chapter 323 of the Private Acts of 1972, the next regularly scheduled meeting shall be defined as the next regularly scheduled meeting that is scheduled fifteen (15) calendar days or more from the effective date of the Board of Education vacancy. (Res. 11-21-16)

f. All persons nominated should be present at the County Commission meeting. If the person nominated from the floor is not present at the meeting, the person making the nomination must submit a signed statement from the nominee stating that the nominee is willing to serve in the position if appointed.

7.2 THE ELECTION WILL PROCEED AS FOLLOWS

a. For all elections and appointments other than standing and special committees of the Board of Commissioners:

1. The ballots are to be cast by roll call.

2. A Majority Vote of the Board of Commissioners is required for election.

3. If no one is elected on a given ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped and the vote will be taken again until a candidate is elected by the required majority vote of the membership. This procedure shall continue until a candidate receives the required majority vote of the membership.

RULE 8
COMMITTEES

8.1 GENERAL RULES OF COMMITTEES

a. The Rules Committee, Steering Committee, Human Resource Committee, and Parks and Recreation Committee shall be appointed annually during the September County Commission meeting, including during election years. All other standing committees of the Board of Commissioners shall be appointed during the October County Commission meeting.

b. All Standing Committees shall meet and elect from its membership a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at its first called meeting. An elected Vice-Chairperson of a Standing Committee shall be eligible to serve as Chairperson of that same Standing Committee the following year, including election years, with the Steering Committee retaining authority to appoint other Commissioners to any of the other Standing Committees.

c. If neither the Chairperson nor Vice-Chairperson is present, the Mayor, Board Chairperson, or County Attorney, or if none are present, a Committee member, shall call the meeting to order and ask for nominations for a temporary chairperson who shall preside over the meeting. Such office is terminated by the entrance of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson or at the conclusion of the meeting.

d. With the exception of the Chairpersons of the Rules and Steering Committees, a County Commissioner may not serve as Chairperson of more than one Standing Committee per year. The Chairpersons of the Rules and Steering Committees shall have the ability to serve as Chairperson on one other Standing committee.

e. Committee chairperson shall advise the Chairperson of the Board as early as possible as to the expected duration of any unusual or protracted matters to be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

f. All committee chairpersons shall contact the County Attorney on matters appearing to warrant legal evaluation prior to the meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

g. Each committee that meets monthly shall establish a normal meeting date and time each month. Every effort will be made to hold committee meetings at their designated times.

h. The following procedure shall be followed pertinent to committee reports and related action:

1. The committee Chairperson or a member designated by him shall make the presentation in an open meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
2. Upon completion of a report, the speaker shall yield to questions.
3. There shall be a vote on the proposition when discussion is complete or when there is a call for the question by the Board of Commissioners.

i. If for any reason, the Chairperson of a committee fails or refuses to call a meeting of the committee, the Chairperson of the Board, or a majority of the committee membership may do so.

j. It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that each commissioner rotate through all of the various Standing Committees of the County Commission, staying on a committee no more than two (2) consecutive years, except when there are special circumstances such as major projects, deemed such by the Rules Committee. Should a Commissioner be elected as Vice Chairperson of a committee during a year in which said Commissioner is serving the second consecutive year on a committee, the Commissioner may be allowed to move up as Chairperson and serve on that committee for the third consecutive year, including election years. Further, the Steering Committee may, from time to time, under extenuating circumstances, make such recommendation which would allow a County Commissioner to serve on a committee more than two (2) consecutive years; and that recommendation must be submitted to and approved by the County Commission.

k. The Committee Chairperson shall make accommodations for Citizens' Communication at the beginning of each committee meeting.

l. Each committee meeting regardless of the committee shall be conducted at the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members on a committee is required to have a meeting at an off-site location.

m. Recording Committee meetings in addition to the Budget Committee.

1. Recording Requirement. All official committee meetings, including special, statutory, and standing committees of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners shall be audio and/or video recorded in their entirety.

2. Retention. Recordings shall be preserved as public records in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 10-7-301 et seq. (Public Records Act) and applicable

records retention schedules adopted by the County Public Records Commission and the Tennessee Division of Archives and Records Management.

3. Public Access. Recordings shall be made available to the public within a reasonable time after each meeting, by posting on the official Williamson County website or through another accessible platform designated by the County Clerk

Citizens' communication guidelines for committee meetings are as follows:

1. A 15-minute time period will be set aside for citizen comments concerning items that are germane to items before the committee at each regularly scheduled committee meeting of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners.
2. Those interested in addressing a committee during citizens' communication must sign up prior to the meeting giving their name and city of residence. Prior to speaking, the citizen will give the city of residence. Nothing herein shall require a citizen to give their address or phone number prior to addressing the committee. A sign-up sheet will be made available at least five (5) minutes prior to the beginning of each regularly scheduled committee meeting.
3. Requests to speak will be honored in the order in which they appear on the sign-up sheet. Should more than five (5) individuals sign up to speak, the 15 minute time period will be evenly divided among all speakers. In all cases, Rule 3.5.d shall still apply.
4. Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person or group and shall be limited to items that are germane to items before that particular committee. If there is more than one person speaking to the same subject, they should designate a spokesperson for the group.
5. No personal attacks will be permitted.
6. The Committee Chairperson shall have the right to rule any person out of order when, in the Chair's discretion; those comments are deemed to be inappropriate or are not germane to the items before the committee.

8.2 INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Authority of a Committee: The role and jurisdiction of a committee of the Board of Commissioners is to study matters and resolutions, provide information and to present recommendations to the Board of Commissioners with respect to matters which are referred to the committee, or which generally fall within the cognizance of the title of such committee.

b. Appropriation Requests: Any and all resolutions requiring an expenditure of funds shall be submitted in writing to the Budget Committee, have an estimated cost included, and state where the revenue is to come from, if possible. The Budget Committee will provide information and present recommendations to the County Mayor and the Commission.

c. Committee Meeting Minutes: Minutes should be kept of all committee meetings. The minutes should contain the day, time and place the committee convenes, the members present, a summary of matters considered, a record of the voting on the action of each recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and the time of adjournment. The Chairperson of the committee shall be responsible to assure that adequate public notice be given of all meetings of the committee, and the meeting shall be open to the public.

d. Duties of Committee Chairperson: The Chairperson's prime responsibility is to serve as presiding officer at committee meetings, and to serve as spokesman of the committee in any action or reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Further, the Chairperson should fully understand and make the committee aware of its authority and areas of jurisdiction. The Chairperson of a committee shall be allowed to make or second a motion and shall be entitled to a vote as a member of that committee. Committee chairperson shall chair the committee meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. It shall be the duty of the committee Chairperson to provide an agenda of items to be discussed when calling a meeting.

e. Reporting Procedure: The procedure for reporting the finding of a committee to the Board of Commissioners shall be as follows:

1. The Chairperson, or a member he so designates, may report from his or her chair or from the rostrum in front of the Board of Commissioners. He must report whether the resolution or matter studied was approved, not approved, or whether there is no recommendation. Minority reports will be permitted.

2. Upon completion of a report, the speaker shall yield to questions.

3. After there has been a motion made and seconded, and so stated by the Chairperson of the Board, any Commissioner may ask questions or discuss the motion.

4. There shall be a vote on the proposition when discussion is complete and when there is a call for the question by the Board of Commissioners.

f. Recording and Archiving Budget Committee Meetings:

1. All Budget Committee meetings where a quorum is present and the meeting is open to the public shall be recorded using audio and/or video recording equipment.

2. The recordings shall capture the entire length of the Budget Committee meetings which are open to the public.

3. The Budget Committee meeting recordings shall not relinquish the committee's responsibility to maintain official minutes of each Budget Committee meeting. The video and/or audio recordings are provided as a convenience to the citizens of Williamson County.

4. Recordings shall be subject to the Tennessee Open Meetings Act and shall be maintained and archived for the period defined by the Williamson County Public Records Commission.

5. Recordings shall be available to Tennessee citizens within two (2) business days of the corresponding Budget Committee meeting.

6. The ability to record Budget Committee meetings shall be subject to the availability of the equipment needed to fulfill the intent of this Rule. In the event of technical difficulties or equipment malfunction, the County shall take reasonable steps to provide alternative means of recording the meeting to the Budget Committee.

7. Any necessary funding for the procurement, maintenance, or upgrade of recording equipment shall be allocated through the budgetary process or received through private donations.

8. Any portion of the Budget Committee meeting concerning medical, criminal, or pending legal matters that are confidential or fall within attorney-client privilege shall not be recorded under any circumstances.

9. Each Committee meeting's agenda shall be provided to the committee members

and published on the County's website at least two (2) full business days prior to the respective committee meeting The agenda shall reasonably describe the matters to be deliberated or acted upon (as provided in Tenn. Code Annotated 8-44-103(a). Resolutions submitted after the agenda deadline may be considered by the committee, and any recommendation of the committee shall then be transmitted to the commission as a whole. Posting the agenda on the county website shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this rule. Nothing in this rule shall be construed as requiring committee consideration prior to introduction at a meeting of the Commission as a whole.

g. Committee Resolutions. All resolutions intended for a specific committee must be submitted to the County Mayor's Office no later than noon, on the second business day before the scheduled committee meeting. After the submission deadline, the Mayor's Office shall prepare and distribute an agenda to each committee member listing the titles of all resolutions to be considered by the close of business on that same day of the filing deadline. The agenda shall also be posted on the County's website. Resolutions submitted after the deadline for a specific committee meeting shall be considered by the Committee if approved by a majority vote. Any resulting recommendation from the Committee shall be forwarded to the Commissioners for consideration at the next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting.

8.3 STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Rules Committee

1. The Rules Committee will be composed of six (6) Commissioners. These six (6) Commissioners will be chosen from the 12 Legislative Districts for Williamson County in the following manner: one member of the committee will be chosen from the 1st and 2nd districts; one member will be chosen from the 3rd and 4th districts; one member will be chosen from the 5th and 6th districts; one member will be chosen from the 7th and 8th districts; one member will be chosen from the 9th and 10th districts; and one member will be chosen from the 11th and 12th districts.

2. The committee members will be chosen annually by the four (4) Commissioners in each of the paired districts. These six (6) members will serve on a rotating basis so that each of the Commissioners will serve at least once on all four Rotating Committees during his or her four (4) year term, unless prevented from doing so because of choice or incapacity.

3. The duties of the Rules Committee will be to establish the Rules and Regulations for the Board of Commissioners' meetings, committee meetings, and the filing of resolutions, agenda formulation and all other matters pertaining to the orderly conducting of business by the Board of Commissioners.

b. Steering Committee

1. The Steering Committee will be composed of six (6) Commissioners. These six (6) Commissioners will be chosen from the 12 Legislative Districts for Williamson County in the following manner: one member of the committee will be chosen from the 1st and 2nd districts; one member will be chosen from the 3rd and 4th districts; one member will be chosen from the 5th and 6th districts; one member will be chosen from the 7th and 8th districts; one member will be chosen from the 9th and 10th districts; one member will be chosen from the 11th and 12th districts.

2. The committee members will be chosen annually by the four (4) Commissioners in each of the paired districts. These six (6) members will serve on a rotating basis so that each of the Commissioners will serve at least once on all four Rotating Committees during his or her four (4) year term, unless prevented from doing so because of choice or incapacity.

3. The duties of the Steering Committee will be:

a. To establish or discontinue all Standing Committees, with the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

b. To appoint all members of Standing Committees, the Investment Committee, and the Audit Committee with approval from the Board of Commissioners and appoint all members of Special Committees. Committees may not be composed of more than one Commissioner from the same district.

c. Education Committee

1. This Committee will consist of five (5) or seven (7) Commissioners to be chosen annually at the September meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

2. The duties of this Committee shall be to review, study, and make recommendations concerning matters pertaining to the elementary, secondary, and adult education, vocational and technical education, and all other pertinent aspects of education.

d. Public Health Committee

1. This Committee will consist of five (5) or seven (7) Commissioners to be chosen annually at the September meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

2. The duties of this Committee shall be to review, study and make recommendations concerning programs and matters pertaining to health care, comprehensive health planning, local health services, mental health, social services and welfare programs in the County.

e. Tax Study Committee

1. This committee will consist of five (5) Commissioners to be chosen annually at the September meeting of the County Commissioners.

2. The duties of this committee shall be to:

a. Annually review all existing sources of County revenue

b. To develop new sources of County revenue.

f. Property Committee

1. This committee will consist of five (5) or seven (7) Commissioners to be chosen annually at the September meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

2. The duties of this committee will be to inspect and review all tangible property belonging to Williamson County, Tennessee, both real and personal in nature, and to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning records of fixed assets, maintenance, expansion, rental or sale of County property.

g. Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee

1. The membership of this committee shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) Commissioners to be chosen annually at the September meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

2. The duties of this committee shall be to study and make recommendations concerning all matters pertaining to the criminal justice system including law enforcement, courts and corrections, civil

disturbances, juvenile delinquency, alcohol and drug abuse, emergency preparedness, fire prevention and control, ambulance service and emergency medical services.

h. Parks and Recreation Committee

1. The Parks and Recreation Committee will be composed of six (6) commissioners. These six (6) Commissioners will be chosen from the 12 Legislative Districts for Williamson County in the following manner: one member of the Committee will be chosen from the 1st and 2nd districts; one member will be chosen from the 3rd and 4th districts; one member will be chosen from the 5th and 6th districts; one member will be chosen from the 7th and 8th districts; one member will be chosen from the 9th and 10th districts; one member will be chosen from the 11th and 12th districts.

2. The committee members will be chosen annually by the four (4) Commissioners in each of the paired districts. These six (6) members will serve on a rotating basis so that each of the Commissioners will serve at least once on all four Rotating Committees during his or her four (4) year term, unless prevented from doing so because of choice or incapacity.

3. The duty of the Parks and Recreation Committee will be to provide and oversee the provisions of leisure services for Williamson County.

i. Human Resources Committee (Resolutions No. 10-95-10, 3-96-7, 10-05-2)

1. The Human Resources Committee will be composed of six (6) commissioners. These six (6) Commissioners will be chosen from the 12 Legislative Districts for Williamson County in the following manner: one member of the Committee will be chosen from the 1st and 2nd districts; one member will be chosen from the 3rd and 4th districts; one member will be chosen from the 5th and 6th districts; one member will be chosen from the 7th and 8th districts; one member will be chosen from the 9th and 10th districts; one member will be chosen from the 11th and 12th districts.

2. The committee members will be chosen annually by the four (4) Commissioners in each of the paired districts. These six (6) members will serve on a rotating basis so that each of the Commissioners will serve at least once on all four Rotating Committees during his or her four (4) year term, unless prevented from doing so because of choice or incapacity.

3. The duties of the committee shall be to review, study, and make recommendations concerning programs, fringe benefits, compensation, and matters pertaining to Human Resources for all County employees and elected officials.

8.4 STATUTORY COMMITTEES

a. Budget Committee

1. The Budget Committee has been established under the dictates of 01, et. seq. of the County Budgeting Law of 1957, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Commissioners on July 19, 1976.

2. The Budget Committee will consist of five (5) members, one of whom shall be the County Mayor and the other four (4) members shall be appointed by the County Mayor in September, with the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

3. The duties of the Budget Committee are set out in T.C.A. Sections 5-12-104, 5-12-106, 5-12-107, 5-12-108, 5-12-109, 5-12-110, and 5-12-111.

4. The Budget Committee shall see that other committees shall be notified when monetary matters as they pertain to that committee shall be

discussed by the Budget Committee, particularly during budget presentation.

5. Commission members appointed by the County Mayor to the Budget Committee shall not be appointed to serve on other Standing Committees, with the exception of the Steering, Rules, Human Resources, and Parks & Recreation Committees.

b. Purchasing Committee

1. The Purchasing Committee has been established under the dictates of T.C.A. 5-14-106 and 5-14-101, et. seq. of the County Purchasing Law of 1957, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Commissioners on July 19, 1976.

2. The Purchasing Committee will consist of five (5) members, one of whom shall be the County Mayor; and the other four (4), who need not be members of the county governing body, shall be appointed by the County Mayor in September, with the approval of the county governing body. Such committee shall elect its own Chairperson.

3. The duties of the Purchasing Committee are set out in T.C.A. Sections 5-14-103, 5-14-104, 5-14-105, 5-14-106, 5-14-107, 5-14-108, 5-14-109, 5-14-110, and 5-14-112.

4. Additionally, the duties of the Purchasing Committee shall include the responsibilities of a County Insurance Committee, as set forth in T.C.A. 8-27-502.

c. Insurance Committee (Resolution No. 11-95-30)

1. T.C.A. 8-27-502. Appointed by Steering Committee and approved by the County Commission.

2. Pursuant to action taken by the County Commission by Resolution No. 9-96-31, the duties and responsibilities of the Insurance Committee, as outlined in T.C.A. 8-27-502, be combined with the Purchasing Committee, in accordance with Resolution No. 9-96-31, referenced in Rule 8.4(b) and that, with the approval of the combination of the duties of these two (2) committees, the appointment of the members shall be made by the County Mayor and approved by the County Commission.

d. Delinquent Property Tax Sale Committee (Resolution No. 6-13-24)

1. The Delinquent Property Tax Sale Committee was established by action of the County Board of Commissioners pursuant to T.C.A. § 67-5-2507.

2. The Committee is made up of four members of the County Legislative Body along with the County Mayor who shall concurrently be appointed as members of the Delinquent Property Tax Sale Committee as well as to the Purchasing and Insurance Committee, and shall, in addition to the members' duties as Purchasing and Insurance Committee members, exercise the authority and duty concerning real property purchased by Williamson County through a delinquent tax sale subject to the restrictions and requirements provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-2507.

3. By the adoption of Resolution 6-13-11, it is the intent of the County Board of Commissioners that the annual appointment of members to the Purchasing and Insurance Committee shall also be concurrently appointed to the Delinquent Property Tax Sale Committee to fulfill the appointment requirements of *Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-2507.*

e. Investment Committee

1. The Investment Committee has been established under the dictates of T.C.A. 5-8-201 and 5-13-101, et. seq. of the County Fiscal Procedures Law of 1957, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Commissioners on July 19, 1976.

2. This committee will be composed of three (3) Commissioners who will be appointed in September by the county governing body, also serving on this committee will be the Trustee and County Mayor. The County Mayor will serve as chair of the committee.

3. The duties of the Investment Committee are set out in T.C.A. Sections 5-13-103, 5-13-104, 5-13-105, 5-13-106, 5-13-107, and 5-13-108.

f. Audit Committee

1. The Audit Committee has been established under the dictates of T.C.A. 8-15-101 through 8-15-104.2.

2. The membership of this committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members to be chosen annually at the September meeting of the Board of Commissioners, beginning with the year 1994.

3. The duties of this committee are set out in T.C.A. 8-15-101 through 8-15-104.

g. Ethics Committee

1. The Ethics Committee was established pursuant to Section 5 of the Williamson County Code of Ethics, adopted by Resolution No. 2-07-9, and the Tennessee Ethics Reform Act of 2006.

2. The membership of this Committee shall consist of five (5) members to be appointed by the County Mayor and confirmed by the County Commission for one (1) year terms.

3. At least three (3) members of the Committee shall be members of the County legislative body; one (1) member shall be a constitutional County officer or, should no constitutional County officer be willing to accept appointment, an additional member of the County legislative body; and the remaining member may be either a member of a board, committee, commission, authority, corporation, or other instrumentality governed by this policy, or an additional member of the County legislative body.

4. Members of the Ethics Committee shall be appointed each year at the same time as other committees.

5. The duties of the Ethics Committee are set forth in the Williamson County Code of Ethics and the Tennessee Ethics Reform Act of 2006.

8.5 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

All Special Committees will be appointed by the Steering Committee, upon affirmative action requesting same by the Board of Commissioners.

8.6 EX OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP

The County Mayor and Chairperson of the Board are Ex Officio non-voting members of all Committees, unless otherwise specified as voting members by law or by rule. The Chairperson may be appointed as a voting member to any Rotating Committee or Statutory Committee, with the exception of the Budget Committee. The Chairperson shall be considered a non-voting

member of all committees for which the Chairperson is not appointed as a voting member, for the purpose of attaining a quorum to conduct a meeting and taking a vote.

RULE 9
COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONERS

Effective September 1, 2022, each Commissioner will be compensated at the rate of $600 each month, and the Commission Chairperson will receive $650 each month.

RULE 10

10.1 CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

a. Election

In the event the County Mayor declines to serve as the presiding officer of the Board of Commissioners, annually, at its regular September meeting, the Board of Commissioners shall elect a Chairperson and a Chairperson Pro Tempore.

b. Voting by the Chairperson

The Chairperson may vote only as permitted by the Laws of the State of Tennessee (Reference 1983 Public Chapter No. 138 as referenced in this manual).

c. Call to Order

The meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be called to order by the Chairman of the Board. In the absence of the Chairperson of the Board, the Chairperson Pro Tempore shall preside. In the absence of the Chairperson Pro Tempore, the Board of Commissioners shall be called to order by the Clerk; and the Board of Commissioners shall immediately elect one of the Commissioners to preside over the deliberations.

d. Preserve Order

The Chairperson of the Board shall preserve order and decorum. He may speak to points of order in preference to other Commissioners. He shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board of Commissioners by any Commissioner.

e. Order of Recognition

Before a Commissioner is allowed to speak twice on the same subject, unless he is a Chairperson making a report, or introducing a resolution or a motion, the Chairperson of the Board shall inquire if there is another Commissioner who has not spoken on that subject and who wishes to speak. If there is such a Commissioner, he shall be recognized in priority to those who have previously spoken on the subject.

f. Motions

Once a motion has been made and duly seconded, the Chairperson of the Board shall state the motion so that debate on the motion may begin.

g. Clarification

The Chairperson of the Board shall clearly state any question being taken. A Commissioner may ask for clarification of the question up until the result of the vote is announced by the Chairperson of the Board.

h. Agenda

The Chairperson of the Board and the County Clerk, in cooperation, will cause to be forwarded to each Commissioner the tentative agenda and the filed resolutions not less than six (6) days prior to the Board of Commissioner's meeting date. In this regard, the Clerk shall provide such assistance as may be necessary or desirable.

i. Addressing the Board

Reference Rule 4.1(f).

j. Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

The Chairperson shall be responsible for approving reimbursement for travel expenses for all Commissioners prior to the travel to attend the County Services Association's spring and fall meetings or any other meetings or educational seminar or conference provided by a public or quasi-public entity. The Chairperson Pro Tempore is responsible for approving reimbursement for qualifying travel expenses for the Chairperson. The individual approving the request shall sign both the travel expense request and the travel expense report. Commissioners shall be solely responsible for the accuracy of the request and for providing all necessary documentation including receipts.

10.2 THE CLERK

a. Notice

The Clerk shall notify each Commissioner of any special or called meetings, not less than five (5) days in advance thereof, unless such an emergency arises that necessitates a shorter time period.

b. Minutes

The Clerk shall reduce the minutes of each of the Board of Commissioners' meeting to writing and attach a copy of each resolution considered and the vote thereon. The minutes shall be prepared and made available for public inspection. A copy of the minutes of the last meeting shall be forwarded to each Commissioner in the monthly resolution packets. Upon approval of the minutes at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Clerk shall place the minutes so approved in a well-bound book to be permanently maintained and available for public inspection.

c. Motions

All motions made by Commissioners shall be reduced to writing by the Clerk.

d. Resolutions

A copy of all resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners shall be submitted to the County Mayor within five (5) days after such passage for his consideration. (See also Section 6 of these Rules for further duties of the Clerk with respect to Resolutions.)

e. Roll Call

In all instances involving authorization to expend public funds, the Clerk shall call the roll for "yes" and "no" votes unless using the voting display board. In all instances where the roll call is called for any vote, the Clerk shall make such roll call and the vote of each member a part of the record of the meeting and include it in the official minutes.

f. Change of Vote

It shall be the duty of the Clerk, at the end of each roll call, to inquire of those Commissioners who passed or were absent when the roll was called if they desire to vote, also, if any Commissioner who has voted wishes to change his vote. Subsequently, the Clerk shall report to the Chairperson of the Board who shall announce the vote (Reference Rule 5.3).

10.3 SHERIFF

The Sheriff or a Deputy designated by him shall attend each meeting of the Board of Commissioners. That officer shall preserve order and carry out orders of the presiding officer of the Board of Commissioners.

10.4 COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney shall, as legal consultant, attend all meetings of the Board of Commissioners. It shall be the duty of that official to give his legal opinion on any subject where such guidance is requested by the Chairperson of the Board, County Mayor, or any Commissioner.

RULE 11
REPEALING, AMENDING, OR SUSPENDING THE RULES

These Rules shall remain the Rules of Procedure and Regulations of Conduct for the Williamson County Board of County Commissioners until such time as the same are repealed or amended, which shall require a Two-Thirds Vote of the Board of Commissioners. After the selection of the Rules Committee at the July or September meeting of the Board of Commissioners each year, and before the November meeting of that same year, the Rules Committee shall review the Rules and shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners any needed changes. In consideration of any particular matter, any and all of these Rules may not be suspended if there are two or more objections.

RULE 12
MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

These Rules are intended to comply with the Laws of the State of Tennessee, and if any provision hereof is found to be in conflict thereof, or otherwise unenforceable, all other provisions shall be unaffected and shall remain in full force and affect.

12.2 GENDER

With regard to these Rules, the use of any gender shall apply to all genders, and all such genders may be used interchangeably to the extent the context so requires.

12.3 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

In the absence of a rule upon any subject not specifically provided for in these Rules, the Board of Commissioners will be governed by the latest copyrighted edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 138
SENATE BILL NO. 551

By Lewis

Substituted for: House Bill No. 681

By Frensley, Rhinehart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-109, relative to the voting privileges of the Chairperson of the county legislative body.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-109, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

"(b) If the members of the county legislative body are equally divided upon any question coming before them upon which they may lawfully act, then and only then, a county Mayor serving as Chairperson may cast a deciding vote. If the person serving as Chairperson of the county legislative body is a regular member of the county legislative body, such person may not break a tie vote in the capacity of Chairperson, but may cast a vote in the first instance as a regular member of the body."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1983, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 11, 1983

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR

APPROVED:
April 22, 1983