

CHAPTER NO. 83

HOUSE BILL NO. 2552

By Representative Rhinehart

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2882

By Senator Elsea

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 156 of the Private Acts of 1992, and all other acts amendatory thereto; to divide Sequatchie County into school districts; and to provide for the number, election and terms of members of the Sequatchie County Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. . Chapter 156 of the Private Acts of 1992, and all other acts amendatory thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Sequatchie County shall be divided into eight (8) school districts of substantially equal population, which shall be identical to the county legislative body districts established by resolution of the county legislative body from time to time.

SECTION 3. The Sequatchie County Board of Education (the "Board") shall consist of eight (8) members, with one (1) member of the Board being elected by the qualified voters in each school district on a non-partisan basis. Board members shall be elected to staggered four (4) year terms so that every two (2) years the terms of one-half (1/2) the members of the Board shall expire, with the odd-numbered districts expiring at the same time and the even-numbered districts expiring at the same time. Persons elected in the regular August general elections shall take office on September 1 following the election and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. During the transition from nine (9) members to eight (8) members, all incumbent Board members shall remain on the Board until the expiration of their current terms. Members in even-numbered districts shall be elected to four (4) year terms in the August 2002 elections and members in odd-numbered districts shall be elected to four (4) year terms in the August 2004 elections.

SECTION 5. The Board shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and qualifications as the Board of Education established pursuant to Title 49, Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Sequatchie County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body of Sequatchie County and certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall be become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 7.

PASSED: February 14, 2002



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of February 2002



DON R. PERDUE, GOVERNOR