

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1115

SENATE BILL NO. 440

By Overbey, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 969

By McCord, Haynes, Lundberg, White, Faulkner, Fincher

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 29, Part 2, relative to restoration of voting rights.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-202, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a person shall not be eligible to apply for a voter registration card and have the right of suffrage restored, unless the person:

(1) Has paid all restitution to the victim or victims of the offense ordered by the court as part of the sentence; and

(2) Beginning September 1, 2010, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a person shall not be eligible to apply for a voter registration card and have the right of suffrage restored, unless the person has paid all court costs assessed against the person at the conclusion of the person's trial, except where the court has made a finding at an evidentiary hearing that the applicant is indigent at the time of application.

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

PASSED: June 9, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 29th day of June 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR