STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 67

HOUSE BILL NO. 901
By Representative Floyd
Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1077
By Senators Watson, Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-105, relative to the deadline date for all county medical examiner’s offices requirement to attain national association of medical examiners qualifications in the state of Tennessee.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-105, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) All autopsies must be performed at a facility accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME). A facility must receive accreditation from NAME within one (1) year of July 1, 2012, maintain accreditation and operate pursuant to NAME guidelines unless the facility operates in county which qualifies for an extension under subsection (b).

(b) A facility must receive accreditation from NAME within one (1) year of July 1, 2014, maintain accreditation and operate pursuant to NAME guidelines if the facility is located in any county having a population of not less than 336,400 nor more than 336,500 according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

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