



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 604

HOUSE BILL NO. 2294

By Representatives Boyd, Williams, Miller, Hazlewood, Eldridge, Weaver, Curcio,  
Johnson, Hardaway, Ragan

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1959

By Senators Pody, Briggs, Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 8,  
relative to persons in uniformed service.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following new section:

(a) By passage of an ordinance, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a municipal legislative  
body may allow a service member who is deployed for thirteen (13) months or less while  
serving as a member of the municipal legislative body to attend sessions of the body  
through the use of two-way electronic audio-video communication during the  
deployment. Attendance by the use of two-way electronic audio-video communication  
does not prevent the service member from being allowed to vote or drawing pay for  
attendance. Only one (1) service member at a time may attend and vote in sessions of  
the body as provided in this subsection (a).

(b) As used in this section, "service member" means a member of the following:

(1) The active and reserve components of the army, navy, air force,  
marine corps, or coast guard of the United States;

(2) The United States merchant marine;

(3) The commissioned corps of the United States public health service;

(4) The commissioned corps of the national oceanic and atmospheric  
administration of the United States; or

(5) The national guard of this state.

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

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PASSED: March 8, 2018

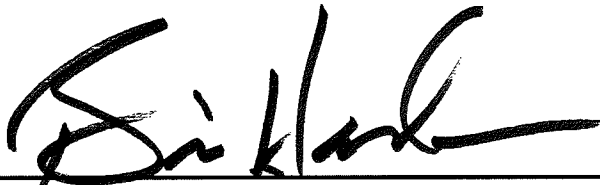


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR