

First Week of Session



On Tuesday at noon, the Tennessee General Assembly convened the 2nd session of the 112th General Assembly. Both chambers were filled with families as the Speakers called the sessions to order. As expected, much of the attention was focused on redistricting and organizational issues.

Bills are beginning to be filed and the Harris Frazier team will keep you informed as session progresses.

The following dates of importance were announced this week:

- January 17th - Legislature will recognize the Martin Luther King Holiday
- Week of January 17 - Standing committees consider redistricting plans
- January 31 - Governor Lee's fourth State of the State Address
- February 1 - Committee budget deliberations begin
- February 2 - House bill filing deadline
- February 3 - Senate bill filing deadline
- Late March - Committee closures begin

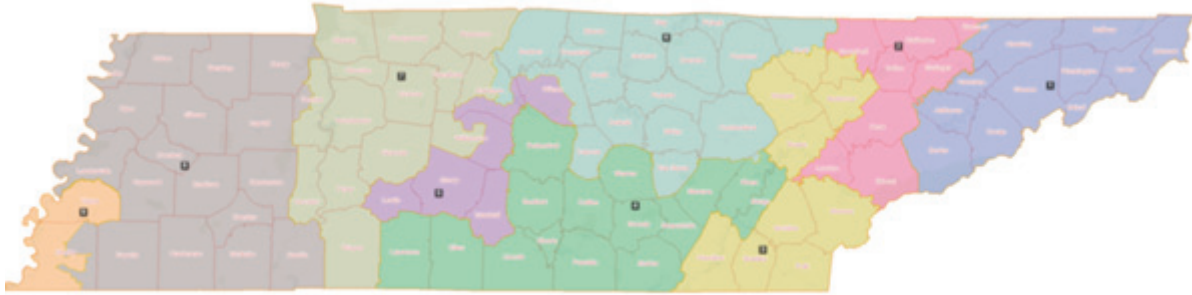
Supreme Court Appointment Announced

On Wednesday, Governor Lee announced two appointments, Sarah K. Campbell to the Tennessee Supreme Court, and Judge John W. Campbell to the Western Division Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. These positions have been unfilled since Justice Cornelia Clark passed away in September of 2021, and since Judge Alan Glenn retired in July of 2021, respectfully. These appointments await confirmation by the General Assembly.



Sarah K. Campbell serves as the Associate Solicitor General for TN and Special Assistant to the Attorney General. She has argued cases for the state of Tennessee in front of the Tennessee Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals. She earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee, and a master's degree, as well as a J.D. at Duke University. She clerked in Washington, D.C. for Justice Samuel Alito, Jr. of the United States Supreme Court, as well as Judge Richard Pryor, Jr. of the US Court of Appeals. She also worked for Williams and Connolly, LLP in Washington, D.C.

Redistricting Process Continues in Committees



The Senate and House redistricting committees continued to meet this week, unveiling more proposals for future districts. The Senate met yesterday and continued the progress of the House Congressional plan to split Nashville into three districts. The new maps create new districts to accommodate Middle Tennessee's rapidly growing population. Senator Jack Johnson, the Chair of the Senate Redistricting Committee and the Senate Majority Leader, says that the proposed map splits as few counties as possible, while also keeping an even population among the districts. The new Senate Map does not pair any incumbents, but creates new districts, which could help the Senate Republican Party keep its supermajority. Lt. Gov. Randy McNally said in an emailed statement that the proposed maps are "fair and legal" and "managed to keep both population deviation and county splits to historic lows." Though the maps passed on through the committee, they did not do so without criticism.

The redistricting plans are scheduled for consideration next week in committees.

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