SENATE BILL 1398

By Tate

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-102, is amended by adding the following language to the end of the section:

A petitioner may provide satisfactory proof through written affidavits sworn under penalty of perjury attesting to the petitioner's good character, and any such affidavit shall be given the same effect as if the affiant had testified orally.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-105, is amended by redesignating subdivision (c)(3) as subdivision (c)(3)(A) and adding the following new subdivision (c)(3)(B):

(B) A petitioner may provide satisfactory proof that the person's full citizenship rights should be restored through written affidavits sworn under penalty of perjury attesting to the petitioner's good character, and any such affidavit shall be given the same effect as if the affiant had testified orally.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.