

**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OPPOSE SB2938/HB3590**

WHEREAS, county commissions currently play a significant role of budgetary oversight for K-12 schools in Tennessee and must balance these needs and responsibilities with other demands for critical services to county residents in order to keep the overall tax burden on our citizens from becoming too onerous; and

WHEREAS, in special school districts, the Tennessee General Assembly, through a private act, levies a local property tax to fund education in the district often with very little discussion or consideration of the tax rate requested by the school district; and

WHEREAS, SB2938/HB3590, as introduced, would allow any local education agency ("LEA") to convert to a special school district a thereby remove all county commission oversight over the local school system; and

WHEREAS, the change authorized by this legislation would allow the elimination of the current system of checks and balances created by having county commission approval of school budgets and setting a tax rate for schools; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation, would create a decentralized system of governance comprised of different taxing entities with competing interests and would potentially interfere with efficiencies created by purchasing and contracting for basic needs of governmental functions on a centralized basis by separating the school system from the rest of the operations of county government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, meeting in regular session on this 22nd day of March, 2010, that the Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged to oppose this legislation.

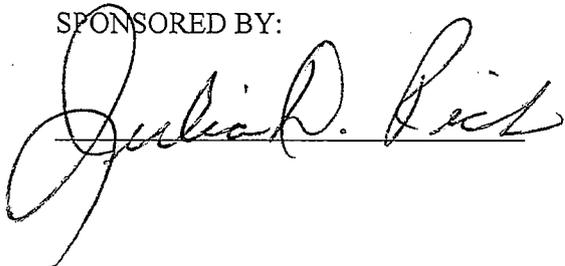
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county clerk shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of Weakley County and send a copy to executive director of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on the 22nd day of March, 2010, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners

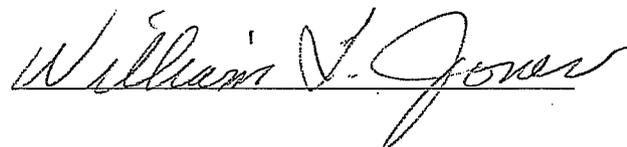
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:



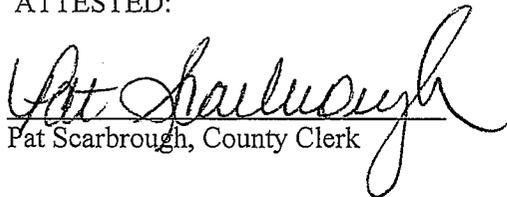
Chairman, Personnel, Legislative & Intergov't Affairs Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Stewart that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Salmon.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, 0 Nays,
0 Passed and 1 Absent.

ATTESTED:

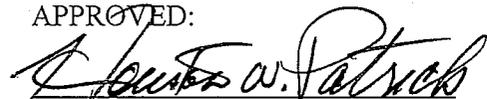

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:


Richard Phebus, Chairman

This the 22nd Day of March 2010.

APPROVED:


Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

VETOED:

Houston W. Patrick, County Mayor

DATE: 03-23-10

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