



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 781

SENATE BILL NO. 837

By Pody, Gardenhire, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 849

By Reneau, Bulso, Helton-Haynes, Reedy, Pearson, Todd, Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, relative to certain conditions of personhood.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-105(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (20) and substituting:

(20) "Person":

(A) Includes a corporation, firm, company, or association; and

(B) Does not include artificial intelligence, a computer algorithm, a software program, computer hardware, or any type of machine;

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

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PASSED: April 8, 2026


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2026


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR