**§751. Knox County budget committee**

In Knox County, there is established a budget committee to carry out the purposes of this article. As used in this article, "county commissioners" means the county commissioners of Knox County. [PL 1991, c. 257 (NEW).]

**1. Membership.**  The budget committee consists of 9 members who are elected from districts defined in section 757 and as provided in this subsection. Each committee member serves a 4-year term.

A. Budget committee members must be elected on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year beginning in 1994. Each term begins on the first day of the fiscal year following the election. [PL 2007, c. 663, §6 (AMD).]

B. Nominations for the office of budget committee member must be nonpartisan and be made by petition in accordance with Title 21‑A, chapter 5, subchapter II, except that candidates need not verify by oath or affirmation that they are not enrolled in a party and the number of signatures of voters must be at least 25 and not more than 40 on a nomination petition for a candidate in each district subdivision. The election must be conducted and the results determined as provided for in the election of county commissioners in section 61. Costs for reproduction and distribution of ballots must be paid by Knox County. [PL 1991, c. 257 (NEW).]

C. The budget committee shall elect annually a chair from among its members. [PL 1991, c. 257 (NEW).]

D. A vacancy occurring on the budget committee must be filled by the committee, subject to confirmation by a majority of the county commissioners, for the balance of the unexpired term. The person appointed to fill the vacant office must be from the same district or unorganized territory as the person vacating the office. [PL 2005, c. 105, §1 (AMD).]

E. Members serve without compensation. [PL 1993, c. 345, §1 (AMD).]

F. The county budget committee shall review the itemized estimated budget prepared by the county commissioners, prepare a proposed budget and after a public hearing approve a final budget. [PL 1991, c. 257 (NEW).]

[PL 2007, c. 663, §6 (AMD).]

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