

# HICKMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

## RESOLUTION NO. 10-10

### **OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2938 AND HOUSE BILL 3590 AUTHORIZING EXISTING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONVERT TO A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**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**, Senate Bill 2938 and its companion, House Bill 3590, as introduced, would allow any local education agency ("LEA") to convert to a special school district and 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 Hickman County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2010, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Tennessee General Assembly is hereby strongly urged to vigorously oppose the adoption of SB2938 and its companion HB3590 which would enable local school districts in Tennessee to convert to a special school district; and

**SECTION 2.** The members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing Hickman County are hereby strongly urged to reject and work for the defeat of said legislation; and

**SECTION 3.** That the county clerk is hereby directed to mail certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of Hickman County, namely Senator Doug Jackson, Representative David Shepard and Representative John Tidwell at their offices in Nashville, Tennessee; and

**SECTION 4:** The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**SPONSORS:**

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**BOARD ACTION:**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Aye**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Nay**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Pass**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Absent**

**ADOPTED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ronnie Sullivan, Chairman**

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**Andrea Totty, County Clerk**

**APPROVED:**

**DISAPPROVED:**

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**Steve Gregory, County Mayor**

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