

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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**Cecil W. Crowson
Appellate Court Clerk**

ORDER ADOPTING RULE 32 OF THE RULES OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: TERM OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

The Court hereby adopts Supreme Court Rule 32 with reference to the term of the chief justice: The Constitution of Tennessee provides that “[t]he Judges [of the Supreme Court] shall designate one of their own number who shall preside as chief justice.” Article 6, Section 2. Tenn. Code Ann. § 16-3-102 provides for the designation of the chief justice by the members of the Court, after their election and qualification.

At the beginning of each eight (8) year term the chief justice will be designated by a majority vote of the members of the court for a term of four (4) years. At the conclusion of the four (4) year term the members of the court will by majority vote designate one of their number to serve as chief justice for the remaining four year term. The chief justice may be removed for good cause upon the vote of four (4) justices.

Enter this 11th day of December, 1997.

FOR THE COURT:

E. Riley Anderson, Chief Justice