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COMMENT AND CASE NOTES

THE POLL TAX AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ITS REPEAL

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The decision of the Supreme Court of Tennessee in *Biggs v. Beeler*¹ is the climax to efforts to remove the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in Tennessee. The fight to eliminate this qualification for voting, although raised on occasion for the past twenty-five years, actually became an issue in the 1938 gubernatorial election. Bills designed to abolish

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¹ 173 S.W. 2d 144 (July 3, 1943).