



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 205

HOUSE BILL NO. 1143

By Representatives Boyd, Vital, Todd, Faison, Fritts, Davis

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 884

By Senator Reeves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 64; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to energy.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-2401, is amended by deleting "Clean energy" in subdivision (1) and substituting "Clean or green energy".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-2401, is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting:

(3) "Public utility" means:

(A) An entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee board of utility regulation, in accordance with § 7-82-702; or

(B) A county-owned or municipal-owned utility that provides electric, broadband, natural gas, or propane services to the public; and

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-2403, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

7-51-2403. Permissible sources of clean or green energy or renewable energy.

(a) A political subdivision that through ordinance, resolution, or other regulation imposes requirements or expectations related to the source of clean or green energy or renewable energy used by a public utility shall include the following as permissible sources:

- (1) Solar energy;
- (2) Photovoltaic cells and panels;
- (3) Hydropower;
- (4) Wind power;
- (5) Hydrogen fuel;
- (6) Nuclear power;
- (7) Natural gas;
- (8) Fuel cells;
- (9) Energy from waste-to-energy facilities;
- (10) Energy storage systems or technologies;
- (11) Geothermal energy;
- (12) Dedicated crops grown for energy production;

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(13) Industrial byproduct technologies that use fuel or energy that is a byproduct of an industrial process;

(14) Waste heat recovery from capturing and reusing the waste heat in an industrial process for heating or generating mechanical or electric work;

(15) Combined heat and power systems;

(16) Pumped storage hydropower;

(17) Compressed air energy storage;

(18) Biomass, including agricultural crops, wastes, or residues, wood or wood waste, animal waste or other animal byproducts, algae, or solid waste; and

(19) Renewable natural gas, as defined in § 65-5-114.

(b) A public utility required by a political subdivision to implement or comply with requirements or expectations related to the source of clean or green energy or renewable energy used by the public utility meets the requirement if the public utility uses one (1) or more of the sources listed in subdivisions (a)(1)-(19), regardless of whether the political subdivision classifies the requirements or expectations as relating solely to clean or green energy or solely to renewable energy.

(c) An ordinance, resolution, or other regulation in violation of this section is against public policy and void.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-2404, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-6-119(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2) "Energy project" means energy infrastructure improvements, whether composed of real or personal property, or both, for clean or green energy or renewable energy as those terms are defined in § 7-51-2401, including all sources listed in § 7-51-2403; and

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-54-148(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting:

(1) "Energy project" means energy infrastructure improvements, whether composed of real or personal property, or both, for clean or green energy or renewable energy as those terms are defined in § 7-51-2401, including all sources listed in § 7-51-2403; and

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-2405, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 8. The headings in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the code commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 9. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 3, 2025



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2025



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR