

# *Tennessee Senate*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 233**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 258**

**By Pody**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1139

By Boyd, Howell, Littleton, Powers, Crawford, Bricken

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to public water systems.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly seeks to exclude water softening systems from the definition of public water system; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

#### **68-221-721.**

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Consecutive system" means a public water system that receives some or all of the system's finished water from one (1) or more wholesale systems. Delivery may be through a direct connection or through the distribution system of one (1) or more consecutive systems; and

(2) "Point-of-entry treatment device" means a treatment device applied to the drinking water entering a house, building, or complex of buildings under single ownership for the purpose of reducing contaminants in the drinking water distributed throughout the house, building, or complex of buildings.

(b) If a point-of-entry treatment device is installed in a facility solely to soften hard water and, because of the installation of such a device, the house, building, or complex of buildings meets the definition of a public water system under § 68-221-703, then the facility constitutes a consecutive system, and shall monitor the influent and finished water for hardness, alkalinity, and pH on a quarterly basis, and sodium on an annual basis, and report the results to the department within fifteen (15) days of the end of the reporting period.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application of any provision of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 10, 2025

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR