

Legislative Express

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The 2026 Tennessee Legislative Session Is Well Underway

The Tennessee General Assembly's 2026 Session opened on January 13, 2026. The bill filing deadline was Monday, February 2, 2026. Bills are already moving through Committees. A couple of bills important to TAUD are on Committee Calendars for this week.

[SB564/HB803 – Approval of Wastewater Infrastructure for New Subdivision by Developer without Utility Input or Approval](#)

TAUD opposed this bill last year. The bill was not acted upon last year but was placed on the first calendar of the Senate Energy, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee for 2026. The bill has been rolled twice this session, but TAUD understands the Committee will vote on an Amendment to the bill this Wednesday.

Senator Mark Pody has filed Amendment 12245 [\[Click here for Amendment\]](#) to this bill which permits a the developer of a new subdivision to obtain approval from TDEC for wastewater infrastructure to serve the residents of a new subdivision within the service area of existing wastewater utilities. The Amendment:

- Allows a developer of a new subdivision to design wastewater infrastructure for approval by TDEC for a new subdivision without making an application for wastewater service to the wastewater utility in whose service area the subdivision will be located
- Once TDEC approves the developer's design, the developer must give the existing wastewater utility 30 days to agree to accept the design and plans approved by TDEC for the subdivision or refuse to own and operate the wastewater infrastructure approved by TDEC for the subdivision
- the existing utility refuses, the developer may contract with another utility to own and operate the wastewater system to be built for the subdivision thereby completely bypassing the existing wastewater utility
- The existing wastewater utility cannot restrict the availability of other utility services to the new subdivision when the utility refuses to own and operate the water infrastructure

This Amendment is not in the best interest of existing Tennessee wastewater utilities and the future customers in new subdivisions.

[SB1595/HB1673 – Comptroller Bill on Utilities Regulated by TBOUR](#)

This bill sponsored by the Comptroller makes several changes to current law for TBOUR regulated municipal and county utilities, utility districts and utility authorities. Most of the bill cleans up inconsistencies in the present law and deletes obsolete provisions. However, the bill as drafted would make substantive changes to the statute governing voluntary mergers and consolidations of utility districts into other utility districts, cities, counties, and utility authorities which concerned TAUD. TAUD has suggested changes to this voluntary merger and consolidation statute which the Comptroller has agreed to accept in an amendment to its original bill.

The bill imposes new penalties on the members of the governing bodies of **all** TBOUR regulated entities for the failure to get timely training. When the member of the governing body of the water, wastewater, or natural gas utility is not the city legislative body or the county commission, the penalty for failing to get training is becoming ineligible to serve another term. Under current law, this penalty only applies to utility district commissioners. The bill further provides that the member of the governing body of the water, wastewater, or natural gas utility who fails to get timely training is not entitled to receive and compensation or any benefit from the utility.

STATE AFFAIRS

SB 564 (HB 803)

Hearing before the board of certification for water and wastewater operators regarding a revocation.

[State Website](#)

Latest Action: **SB 564** Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on 02/11/2026.
HB 803 Taken off notice in House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee. on 02/03/2026

AI Summary

The deadline for a specified action under Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-221-914(b) is extended from sixty (60) days to sixty-five (65) days. This amendment applies to utility regulations within Tennessee. The change takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

Increases, from 60 to 65, the number of days that a party to a hearing before the board of certification for water and wastewater operators regarding a revocation or an appeal of an order or assessment of a civil penalty by the commissioner of environment and conservation has to appeal the order or assessment. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 62, Chapter 2; Title 65; Title 68, Chapter 221 and Title 69, relative to utilities.

Categories

Government Regulation

Primary Sponsor(s)

Mark Pody (R), Rusty Grills (R)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	February 11, 2026, 11:00 AM	Senate Hearing Room I

Tracking Info

	Priority	Position
Legislative Committee 2026	● High	🗳️ Oppose

🗨️ Legislative Committee 2026 Comments

Don Scholes

1/29/2026, 11:06:29 AM

An amendment has been filed to this bill which will allow the developer of a new subdivision to construct a wastewater system for a new development in accordance with TDEC guidelines and give the existing wastewater utility the first right of refusal to take over and operate the system upon completion. The amendment allows the developer to completely bypass the utility. TAUD is opposed to this bill with this amendment. The bill amendment appears to address new subdivisions to be served with decentralized wastewater systems with drip irrigation.

SB 795 (HB 1173)

Purchasing of goods and services by local governments without bid or quotations.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 795** Senate passed. on 02/01/2026
HB 1173 Sponsor(s) Added. on 03/26/2025

AI Summary

Definitions of "goods" are expanded to include improvements to real property, excluding the property itself, under Tennessee public purchasing laws. Local governments are authorized to purchase goods and services directly from federal General Services Administration (GSA) schedule contracts without bidding, provided prices do not exceed GSA contract prices and local terms may replace GSA terms. Restrictions on purchasing motor vehicles are specified, allowing exceptions only for special-purpose vehicles.

Description

Authorizes local governments to purchase goods and services directly, without bid or quotations, from vendors awarded general services administration schedule contracts at prices equal to the vendor's current general services administration schedule price.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, relative to public purchases.

Categories

Government Contracts

Primary Sponsor(s)

Paul Bailey (R), Ryan Williams (R)

Tracking Info**Legislative Committee 2026** **Legislative Committee 2026 Comments**

Don Scholes

1/29/2026, 11:14:28 AM

Adds to current law that local government is not required to meet terms and conditions of GSA contract for goods, but can only pay no more than price in GSA contract to purchase goods without competitive bidding

SB 1142 (HB 898)

Certificate of analysis for any water sold by the utility system that contains fluoride.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1142** Rcvd. from S., held on H. desk. on 03/30/2025
HB 898 Set for House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee on 02/11/2026.

AI Summary

Requirements are imposed on utility systems in Tennessee to obtain and publicly post a certificate of analysis and material safety data sheet for any fluoride in water sold. The information must be posted on the utility system's website or the board of utility regulation's website if the utility lacks its own site. These provisions take effect July 1, 2025, under HB 898/SB 1142.

Description

Requires each utility system to obtain a certificate of analysis for any water sold by the utility system that contains fluoride, and to post the certificate and the material safety data sheet for fluoride online.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 36; Title 7, Chapter 82 and Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to fluoride in water.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Chris Todd (R)

SB 1566 (HB 1500) Humphreys County - Humphreys County Water Authority.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1566** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Government Operations Committee on 01/13/2026
HB 1500 House Private Acts Committee recommended. Sent to House State & Local Government Committee. on 02/08/2026

AI Summary

Humphreys County Water Authority is created as a public governmental body with powers to plan, acquire, operate, and finance water and wastewater systems within Humphreys County and surrounding areas. A board of commissioners is established with specified appointment and residency requirements, and the Authority is granted powers to issue bonds, notes, and refunding bonds, enter contracts, set rates, and exercise eminent domain for system development. Exclusive service areas are designated upon system acquisition, and the Authority's operations are exempt from state regulation and taxation, with financial and operational oversight provisions included.

Description

Local bill that creates the Humphreys County Water Authority.

Caption

AN ACT to create the Humphreys County Water Authority.

Categories

Local Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

Kerry Roberts (R), Jay Reedy (R)

SB 1575 Published notice of public meeting.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate State and Local Government Committee on 01/13/2026

AI Summary

Adequate notice of public meetings may be provided by publishing on a governmental body's secure internet website instead of traditional newspaper publication. A mechanism must be established for individuals to sign up to receive meeting notices and e-newsletters electronically or by regular mail. These provisions amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1, under Senate Bill 1575.

Description

As introduced, authorizes a governmental entity to publish notices of public meetings on a secure website of the governmental body. Authorizes a person to request an electronic or hard copy of an e-newsletter or notice published by the governmental body if the governmental body provides such documents electronically.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1, relative to public meetings.

Categories

Government Regulation

Primary Sponsor(s)

Adam Lowe (R)

SB 1595 (HB 1673) Continuing education requirements for members of utility governing bodies. [State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1595** Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate State and Local Government Committee on 01/13/2026
HB 1673 Set for House Business and Utilities Subcommittee on 02/11/2026.

AI Summary

Utility system consolidation procedures are revised to allow multi-county utility authorities to consolidate with specified public hearings and county mayor approvals. Continuing education requirements are imposed on utility system governing body members, including mandatory training hours, certification, and potential sanctions for noncompliance. Financial distress and merger protocols for utility systems are updated to enhance oversight, feasibility studies, and public input, with expanded authority for the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation to manage governance and financial stability.

Description

As introduced, makes various changes to laws regarding utilities, including the procedure for consolidation of utilities and continuing education requirements for members of utility governing bodies.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 34; Title 7, Chapter 82; Title 9, Chapter 21 and Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to utility regulation.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ed Jackson (R), Rush Bricken (R)

SB 1600 Requires certain data centers to register and report utility usage and rates to TPUC. [State Website](#) 

Latest Action: Introduced in the Senate on 01/12/2026

AI Summary

Registration requirements are imposed on data centers in Tennessee with a power capacity exceeding 20 megawatts, mandating submission of operational and utility service information to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission starting January 1, 2027. Electric and water utilities are required to report monthly usage and service rates for these data centers, with the commission compiling and publishing this data publicly. Civil penalties and injunctive relief are authorized for noncompliance, and the commission is empowered to promulgate rules to implement these provisions under Senate Bill 1600.

Description

As introduced, requires certain data centers to register with the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission; requires electric and water utilities that provide service to registered data centers to report usage and rates to the commission; requires the commission's executive director to compile and publish certain information based on reports received from utilities. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 62; Title 65; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to data centers.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D)

Tracking Info

Legislative Committee 2026

Legislative Committee 2026 Comments

Don Scholes

1/29/2026, 11:33:16 AM

As written, this bill requires water utilities providing water service to a data center to report usage to TPUC. If it moves forward, TAUD may seek to amend to require reporting usage to Comptroller rather than TPUC.

SB 1653 (HB 1456) Increases the state's liability limits for damages in tort claims.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1653** Referred to Senate Judiciary. on 01/20/2026

HB 1456 P2C, ref. to Judiciary Committee on 01/13/2026

AI Summary

Damage caps for claims under Tennessee Code Annotated Title 9, Chapter 8, Section 9-8-307(e) are increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000 for individual claims and from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for aggregate claims. The changes take effect on July 1, 2026.

Description

Increases the amount for which the state may be liable for damages in causes of action arising in tort from \$300,000 per claimant to \$500,000 per claimant and from \$1 million per occurrence to \$1.5 million per occurrence.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 8 and Title 29, relative to damages.

Categories

Tort Liability

Primary Sponsor(s)

Todd Gardenhire (R), Gino Bulso (R)

SB 1657 (HB 1724)

Requires local approval of tipping fee for application of sludge from water treatment plants onto agricultural lands.

[State Website](#)

Latest Action: **SB 1657** Set for Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on 02/11/2026.
HB 1724 Filed for introduction on 01/19/2026

AI Summary

Authority is granted to counties, municipalities, and metropolitan governments in Tennessee to approve the application of sludge from wastewater treatment facilities to agricultural land within their jurisdictions by adopting a two-thirds vote resolution establishing a tipping fee per ton of sludge applied. The collected fees must be used exclusively for constructing and maintaining wastewater treatment or processing facilities in the respective jurisdiction. Permits for sludge application to agricultural land will only be issued or renewed if the land is located in a jurisdiction that has authorized such application, effective July 1, 2026.

Description

As introduced, requires local approval of a tipping fee for application of sludge from water treatment plants onto agricultural lands, with proceeds earmarked for water treatment facilities, as a condition of such applications continuing in a locality. Places a moratorium on certain permits in jurisdictions that do not provide such local approval. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1 - 3-105; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13, Chapter 7; Title 43; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to waste from waste water facilities.

Categories

Local Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

Todd Gardenhire (R), Ron Travis (R)

Hearings

Title	Date & Time	Location
Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	February 11, 2026, 11:00 AM	Senate Hearing Room I

SB 1679 (HB 1672) Allows local governments to issue grant anticipation notes.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1679** Senate State & Local Government recommended. Sent to Calendar Committee. on 02/02/2026
HB 1672 Set for House Cities and Counties Subcommittee on 02/11/2026.

AI Summary

Local governments are authorized to issue notes maturing beyond the fiscal year with approval from the comptroller and state funding board guarantees, especially in cases of economic distress caused by federally certified natural disasters. Interest-bearing grant anticipation notes may be issued for public works projects funded by state or federal grants, requiring comptroller approval and secured by grant funds, with optional additional security through general obligation or revenue pledges. Provisions allow local governments to levy ad valorem taxes to pay interest on these notes and permit issuance of capital outlay or bond anticipation notes alongside grant anticipation notes, provided proceeds are not used to pay the latter.

Description

As introduced, makes changes to the process by which local governments may issue and sell grant anticipation notes. Authorizes the comptroller to approve certain notes issued by a local government if the local government demonstrates that a natural disaster has caused economic distress.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 13, Part 2 and Title 9, Chapter 21, Part 7, relative to local government debt.

Categories

Local Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

Rusty Crowe (R), Renea Jones (R)

SB 1682 (HB 2061) Requires certain data centers to register and report utility usage and rates to the TPUC.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1682** Referred to Senate Commerce and Labor. on 01/20/2026
HB 2061 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Data centers in Tennessee with power capacity over 20 MW are required to register with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission starting January 1, 2027, providing detailed operational and utility service information. Electric and water utilities must report monthly usage and service rates for registered data centers, with the commission publishing these reports publicly. Civil penalties and injunctive relief are authorized for noncompliance, and the commission is empowered to promulgate rules to implement these provisions under HB 2061/SB 1682.

Description

As introduced, requires certain data centers to register with the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission. Requires electric and water utilities that provide service to registered data centers to report usage and rates to the commission. Requires the commission's executive director to compile and publish certain information based on reports received from utilities.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 62; Title 65; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to data centers.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D), Joe Towns Jr (D)

SB 1689 (HB 1831) Prohibits using or selling personal identifying information from government records for commercial purposes.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1689** Referred to Senate State & Local Government. on 01/20/2026
HB 1831 Introduced in the House on 01/21/2026

AI Summary

Use of personal identifying information obtained from Tennessee governmental entities is restricted to non-commercial purposes unless the individual expressly authorizes commercial use. Persons requesting such information must present valid identification and sign an affidavit affirming the information will not be used or sold commercially. Violations are classified as Class B misdemeanors with a \$500 fine per individual whose information is misused.

Description

As introduced, creates an offense for using or selling an individual's personal identifying information obtained from a governmental entity for commercial use, punishable as a Class B misdemeanor with a fine of \$500. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 12; Title 37, Chapter 2, Part 4; Title 39; Title 47, Chapter 18, Part 33; Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 8; Title 55, Chapter 25; Title 62, Chapter 36; Title 63, Chapter 10, Part 4; Title 66, Chapter 29, Part 1 and Title 68, Chapter 18, Part 2, relative to public records.

Categories

Media & Publishing

Primary Sponsor(s)

Richard Briggs (R), Mike Sparks (R)

SB 1713 (HB 1664) Requires state and local entities to annually certify they have not used DEI preferences.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1713** Introduced in the Senate on 01/20/2026
HB 1664 Intro., P1C. on 01/14/2026

AI Summary

Annual attestations of compliance with prohibitions on discriminatory preferences are required to be submitted by the executive heads of state departments, county governments, municipal governments, metropolitan governments, and public institutions of higher education to the Tennessee comptroller of the treasury starting January 1, 2027, and each January 1 thereafter. These requirements are added to Tennessee Code Annotated sections governing these entities. The act takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, requires the executive head of each state department or agency, local government, and public institution of higher education to submit an annual attestation to the comptroller of the treasury that such entity has not implemented a discriminatory preference to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 49, relative to discriminatory preferences.

Categories

State Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), Aron Maberry (R)

SB 1720 (HB 1659) Confidentiality of addresses on nominating petitions for the office of judge, chancellor or district attorney general. [State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1720** Introduced in the Senate on 01/20/2026
HB 1659 Intro., P1C. on 01/14/2026

AI Summary

Addresses on nominating petitions for judicial, chancellor, district attorney general, and public defender offices are made confidential and exempt from public inspection under Tennessee Code Annotated. Application materials submitted by individuals seeking employment with governmental entities are also exempted from public records disclosure. These provisions are enacted under HB 1659/SB 1720 in Tennessee.

Description

As introduced, makes the addresses on a nominating petition for the office of judge, chancellor, district attorney general, and public defender confidential; makes the application materials submitted by an individual when seeking employment with a governmental entity confidential.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to public records.

Categories

Media & Publishing

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ferrell Haile (R), Jerome Moon (R)

SB 1769 (HB 1843) Prohibits utility rate increases for customers aged 65 and older with an age verification process established by the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission. [State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1769** Introduced in the Senate on 01/20/2026
HB 1843 Introduced in the House on 01/21/2026

AI Summary

A rate cap is imposed on electric, water, wastewater, and natural gas services for senior citizen customers aged 65 or older, effective January 1, 2027, provided they notify their utility through an age verification process established by the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission. Utilities must notify all customers about the availability of this rate cap within 90 days of the commission's rule adoption, and noncompliance may result in sanctions and civil penalties payable to the commission. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and enforce these provisions under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

Description

As introduced, prohibits a utility that provides electric, water, wastewater, or natural gas services from increasing the rate charged to customers who are 65 years of age or older upon notice that the customer qualifies for such rate cap pursuant to an age verification process established by the Tennessee public utilities commission by rule. Requires notification to customers of the rate cap program within 90 days of a final rule. Authorizes TPUC to promulgate a rule to develop an age verification and notification process. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 64; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to utilities.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

London Lamar (D), Larry Miller (D)

SB 1771 (HB 1720) Allows certain counties to restrict municipal or regional zoning authority beyond municipal boundaries.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1771** Introduced in the Senate on 01/20/2026
HB 1720 Set for House Cities and Counties Subcommittee on 02/11/2026.

AI Summary

Zoning authority outside municipal boundaries is prohibited for municipalities and regional planning commissions in counties with populations under 341,500, unless the county has a metropolitan government. Counties may void existing zoning ordinances outside municipal limits by majority vote and enter interlocal agreements to manage ongoing development obligations. This restriction does not prevent lawful interlocal agreements between counties and municipalities.

Description

As introduced, authorizes certain counties to adopt a resolution prohibiting a municipality or regional zoning commission from exercising zoning authority outside of the boundaries of the municipality. Specifies that bill is applicable to counties with a population of less than 341,500 according to the 2020 or a subsequent federal census. Also specifies that bill is not applicable to a county with a metropolitan form of government.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 13, relative to zoning outside of municipal boundaries.

Categories

Local Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

Page Walley (R), Tim Hicks (R)

SB 1792 Rules for utility relocation cost reimbursement and mandates minimum reimbursement for high-cost projects.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: Introduced in the Senate on 01/20/2026

AI Summary

Senate Bill 1792 amends Tennessee Code Annotated to align the statutory definition of "utility" with existing Department of Transportation policy, explicitly including modern broadband and fiber optic infrastructure for relocation reimbursement. It establishes a statutory minimum reimbursement cap of \$2.5 million for utility relocation projects exceeding that amount, while granting the transportation commissioner discretion to authorize higher payments based on factors such as project complexity, utility impacts, and ratepayer protection. Rules are mandated to govern reimbursement procedures, promote financial prudence, and ensure equitable treatment of utilities and their customers during highway construction-related relocations.

Description

As introduced, requires the commissioner of transportation to establish rules governing reimbursement of relocation costs to a utility. Requires reimbursement of at least \$2.5 million for projects with utility relocation costs exceeding \$2.5 million. Requires the department to approve a utility owner's plan to accomplish the proposed new location of utility facilities in highway rights-of-way if the proposal would effectuate the relocation at the lowest cost to the utility's ratepayers. Makes other related revisions. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 54, relative to utility relocation projects by the department of transportation.

Categories

Transportation General

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R)

SB 1810 (HB 1744) Cash transactions if pennies are no longer produced.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1810** Introduced in the Senate on 01/20/2026

HB 1744 Set for House Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee on 02/11/2026.

AI Summary

Cash transactions are required to be rounded to the nearest nickel when exact change is unavailable, with specific rounding rules based on the cents value. Rounding applies only to cash portions of transactions and does not affect electronic payments or the precise calculation and remittance of sales tax. Public and private entities, including those collecting taxes or fees, must comply with these rounding provisions while remitting exact amounts to the appropriate authorities under HB 1744/SB 1810 (Tennessee).

Description

As introduced, establishes requirements for entities engaged in business with the public in rounding a cash transaction to the nearest nickel if the penny is no longer in production. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9; Title 45; Title 47, Chapter 50; Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 67, relative to cash transactions.

Categories

Commercial Law

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Charlie Baum (R)

SB 1892 (HB 1928) TDEC approval of proposed subdivision plans.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1892** Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee. on 02/01/2026
HB 1928 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Approval of proposed subdivisions is conditioned on local planning commission or authorized agency approval, and the Department of Environment and Conservation is required to update its website to allow upload of official subdivision approval documentation. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-221-407 is amended to reflect these changes, effective July 1, 2026, applying to permit applications approved after that date.

Description

As introduced, requires proposed subdivision plans to be approved by a local planning commission or other agency authorized to approve such plans prior to their submission to the department of environment and conservation for approval rather than such plans being approved by the department first. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to permits.

Categories

Environment & Nature

Primary Sponsor(s)

Janice Bowling (R), Rush Bricken (R)

Tracking Info

Legislative Committee 2026

Legislative Committee 2026 Comments

Don Scholes

1/29/2026, 11:53:51 AM

This is probably a caption bill. As written, it appears to give the local planning commission the ability to approve water and wastewater infrastructure plans before the submission to TDEC. Poorly drafted is this is the intent. TAUD needs to oppose a written.

SB 1922 (HB 1705) Requires state and local government employers to use E-Verify for new hires.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1922** Referred to Senate Commerce and Labor. on 02/01/2026
HB 1705 Filed for introduction on 01/14/2026

AI Summary

Requirements are imposed on Tennessee state and local government employers to verify the work authorization status of all prospective employees using the federal E-Verify program starting July 1, 2026. Enforcement mechanisms authorize the attorney general to investigate violations and withhold state funds from local governments or local education agencies that fail to comply. Definitions of "employee," "employer," and "local government action" are clarified, and documentation of E-Verify results must be maintained throughout employment.

Description

As introduced, beginning July 1, 2026, requires all state and local governmental employers to verify the work authorization status of each prospective employee through the federal E-Verify program prior to employment. Authorizes the attorney general and reporter to enforce compliance with the requirement against local governments and subjects a noncompliant local government to the withholding of all funds of this state allocated to the local government via grant, contract, or statute, including, but not limited to, state-shared taxes. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12 and Title 50, relative to employment.

Categories

Government Regulation

Primary Sponsor(s)

Richard Briggs (R), Tim Rudd (R)

SB 1932 (HB 1862) Confidentiality requirements for certain personal information of elected state and local public officials. [State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1932** Referred to Senate State & Local Government. on 02/01/2026
HB 1862 Introduced in the House on 01/21/2026

AI Summary

Personally identifying information of elected state and local public officials is made confidential and exempt from public inspection under Tennessee Code Annotated Section 10-7-504(f)(12), with required redaction wherever possible. Exceptions allow access by law enforcement, courts, governmental agencies performing official functions, and when the official consents to disclosure, without limiting access to currently open personnel records. This confidentiality provision takes effect July 1, 2026.

Description

As introduced, requires that certain personally identifying information of elected state and local public officials be maintained confidentially with limited exceptions.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to elected public officials.

Categories

Media & Publishing

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jeff Yarbro (D), Shaundelle Brooks (D)

SB 1958 (HB 1971) Limits the ability of individuals to seek court orders challenging the legality or constitutionality of state government actions. [State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1958** Introduced in the Senate on 02/01/2026
HB 1971 Set for House Civil Justice Subcommittee on 02/11/2026.

AI Summary

Sovereign immunity is reaffirmed by repealing Tennessee Code Annotated Section 1-3-121 and limiting causes of action against the state and its officials. A new cause of action is established allowing affected persons to seek declaratory or injunctive relief solely against political subdivisions of Tennessee for governmental actions, excluding claims for damages or challenges to state statutes. Definitions of political subdivisions are clarified, and the act includes severability and immediate effective date provisions.

Description

As introduced, removes the right of a cause of action for any affected person who seeks declaratory and injunctive relief in any action brought regarding the legality or constitutionality of a state governmental action.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3 and Title 49, relative to causes of action.

Categories

Judiciary

Primary Sponsor(s)

John Stevens (R), Andrew Farmer (R)

SB 1962 (HB 1983) Limits hard water levels in public water systems.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 1962** Introduced in the Senate on 02/01/2026
HB 1983 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Maximum hardwater level standards of 180 mg/L as calcium carbonate equivalents are established for public water systems in Tennessee, effective July 1, 2026. Compliance is required for systems receiving state funds for upgrades costing \$25,000 or more, with exemptions allowed for seasonal runoff under specified notification and remediation conditions. Monitoring, reporting, and enforcement provisions are mandated to ensure adherence to these standards.

Description

As introduced, establishes that public water systems have a maximum allowable hardwater level of 180 mg/L, measured as calcium carbonate equivalents. Creates compliance and reporting requirements. Exempts measurements that exceed the limit due to seasonal runoff in certain circumstances.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 7, relative to hardwater standards.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Mark Pody (R), Rusty Grills (R)

SB 2022 (HB 2383) Commissioner of TDOT to establish rules governing reimbursement of relocation costs to a utility.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2022** Introduced in the Senate on 02/01/2026
HB 2383 Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Utility relocation reimbursement policies are codified and expanded to explicitly include modern broadband and fiber optic infrastructure under HB 2383 (Tennessee). A statutory minimum reimbursement cap of \$2.5 million per project is established, with discretionary authority granted to the Commissioner to approve higher amounts based on factors such as project complexity, utility impacts, and ratepayer protection. Rules are mandated to govern reimbursement procedures, utility obligations, and dispute resolution, effective July 1, 2026.

Description

As introduced, requires the commissioner of transportation to establish rules governing reimbursement of relocation costs to a utility; requires reimbursement of at least \$2.5 million for projects with utility relocation costs exceeding \$2.5 million; requires the department to approve a utility owner's plan to accomplish the proposed new location of utility facilities in highway rights-of-way if the proposal would effectuate the relocation at the lowest cost to the utility and its ratepayers; makes other related revisions.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 54, relative to utility relocation projects.

Categories

Transportation General

Primary Sponsor(s)

Shane Reeves (R), Kevin Vaughan (R)

SB 2057 (HB 2385) Utility system providing waste water service.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2057** Introduced in the Senate on 02/01/2026
HB 2385 Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

The definition of property eligibility for sewer system provisions is modified by specifying that the property must have an existing gravity sewer line located on or adjacent to the owner's property. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-710(a) (1), is amended to reflect this change. The act takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, clarifies that a utility system providing waste water service must provide a connection to the owner of real property for waste water service when the utility system has an existing gravity sewer line located adjacent to the owner's property, not just where the utility system has an existing gravity sewer line on such property.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 35; Title 7, Chapter 82 and Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to sewer systems.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Kevin Vaughan (R)

SB 2127 (HB 2040) Criminal offense of intentionally communicating a threat of harm to a public official or a member of official's family.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2127** Introduced in the Senate on 02/01/2026
HB 2040 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

An offense is created for intentionally communicating a threat of harm to a public official or their immediate family due to the official's capacity, punishable as a Class E felony. Definitions clarify "communicate," "immediate family," and "public official" consistent with existing statutes. The law takes effect July 1, 2026.

Description

As introduced, creates the criminal offense of intentionally communicating a threat of harm to a public official or a member of the public official's immediate family; punishes a violation as a Class E felony.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to threats against certain persons.

Categories

Criminal Law

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Antonio Parkinson (D)

Tracking Info

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Only applies to elected officials.

SB 2147 (HB 2486)

Allows the Tennessee Duck River Development Agency to submit annual reports electronically.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2147** Introduced in the Senate on 02/01/2026

HB 2486 Filed for introduction on 02/02/2026

AI Summary

Electronic submission of annual reports by development authorities is authorized by amending Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-1-606. The change applies to reports required under Title 64 and related private acts of 2024. The amendment takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, permits the board of directors of the Tennessee Duck River Development Agency to file annual reports electronically. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 14; Title 4, Chapter 31; Title 7; Title 13; Title 64; Title 66; Title 67 and Chapter 68 of the Private Acts of 2024, relative to development authorities.

Categories

Regional Authorities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Mark Pody (R), Kirk Haston (R)

Tracking Info

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This is a caption bill TAUD will track.

SB 2152 (HB 2024) Makes changes to the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2152** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2024 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Underground utility damage prevention regulations are amended in Tennessee by extending the notification period from 15 to 20 calendar days and adding "dredging" to the definition of excavation activities. Digital locating is defined as applying visual indicators to digital imagery or electronic maps to mark underground utilities, and the requirement for electric white lining is replaced with a mandatory pre-excavation meeting between excavators and utility operators. The use of vacuum excavation is authorized for locating or protecting underground facilities after notification, and digital locating records are incorporated into facility record requirements.

Description

As introduced, increases, from 15 to 20, the number of calendar days that may pass from the actual date specified in the first notice after a person responsible for excavation or demolition has given the notice of the intent to excavate or demolish before the person is required to serve additional notice if the excavation or demolition has not yet been completed; makes other changes to the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 31, Part 1, relative to underground utility damage prevention.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Page Walley (R), Pat Marsh (R)

SB 2162 (HB 2616) Allows governing bodies to hold executive sessions to discuss employment of director-level staff.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2162** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2616 Filed for introduction on 02/02/2026

AI Summary

Executive sessions are authorized for governing bodies to interview director-level staff applicants without public notice, while decisions must be made in open meetings. Attendance is restricted to governing body members, relevant staff, and applicants, with minutes disclosing all attendees except applicants. Applicant materials remain confidential upon request unless the applicant is selected, in which case records may be subject to public disclosure under Tennessee law.

Description

As introduced, authorizes governing bodies to conduct executive sessions for the purpose of considering employment and interviewing of director-level staff for such governing body.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, relative to executive sessions for consideration of employment by a governing body.

Categories

Public Employees

Primary Sponsor(s)

Richard Briggs (R), Timothy Hill (R)

SB 2175 (HB 2205) Gives priority to water system projects in rural counties for loan fund consideration.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2175** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2205 Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

A new subdivision is added to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-221-1205(c) to include water systems located in rural counties, defined as counties with populations under 57,000 based on the 2020 or subsequent federal census. The amendment expands regulatory provisions to specifically address rural counties. The act takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, requires the department of environment and conservation to add water system projects located in rural counties to the priority list for consideration for loans from the water system revolving loan fund.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to water.

Categories

Environment & Nature

Primary Sponsor(s)

Ken Yager (R), Kelly Keisling (R)

SB 2191 (HB 2386) Allows political subdivisions to share costs with developers for public infrastructure projects.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2191** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2386 Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Cost-sharing arrangements are authorized between developers and political subdivisions in Tennessee for offsite public infrastructure improvements necessary to service private developments, with costs apportioned based on the development's impact or utilization. Political subdivisions must determine the need for such improvements within 60 days of a development approval request, and unresolved cost-sharing disputes may be referred to the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation for determination. Funding for the political subdivision's share may come from impact fees, bond proceeds, or unencumbered tax revenues.

Description

As introduced, authorizes a political subdivision to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with a developer for the development of certain public infrastructure. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to infrastructure development.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Brent Taylor (R), Kevin Vaughan (R)

Tracking Info

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As written, this bill does not include utility districts or utility authorities.

SB 2199 (HB 1913) Regulatory Freedom Act of 2026.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2199** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

HB 1913 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Requirements are imposed on Tennessee state agencies to publish new or amended administrative rules prominently and notify relevant trade associations at least 45 days before public hearings. Fiscal impact statements estimating actual compliance costs must be generated after public comment periods, include feedback from affected industries, and be reviewed by the fiscal review committee if costs exceed specified thresholds, with rules exceeding \$1 million in impact requiring legislative approval. Provisions are added for annual reporting of fiscal impacts, repeal procedures for rules, and expiration or legislative approval processes for emergency rules with significant fiscal effects.

Description

As introduced, enacts the "Regulatory Freedom Act of 2026." Requires an agency holding a hearing as part of its rulemaking process to make a good faith effort to notify each trade association or organization operating in this state that represents the regulated community and that may be impacted by the new or amended rule at least 45 days prior to the public hearing for which there is a period of public comment regarding the new or amended rule. Specifies that the notice must be sent by electronic mail and must include a copy of the new or amended rule. Also specifies that the notice must request that the association or organization provide comments during any such period of public comment, or provide such comments directly to the agency, for the purpose of generating a fiscal impact statement. Defines "fiscal impact statement" to mean the estimate of the actual cost of compliance of a new or amended rule based on its projected and collective fiscal impact on the regulated industry, trade, business, or community, excluding speculative, anti-competitive, or hypothetical costs, and the assumptions and reasoning upon which the actual costs of compliance are based. Specifies other requirements for agencies in regard to fiscal impact statements. Makes other revisions related to public hearings by agencies.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to administrative rules.

Categories

Government Regulation

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), Clark Boyd (R)

SB 2237 (HB 2552) Local governments must respond to development applications within 30 days and formalize contract changes in writing.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2237** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

HB 2552 Filed for introduction on 02/02/2026

AI Summary

Local governments are required to approve or provide written deficiency reports for development applications within 30 business days, with applications deemed approved if no response is given. Contract modifications between local governments and developers or contractors must be mutually agreed upon in writing, and local governments must release bonds within 30 days following independent inspections confirming contract completion. Developers cannot be compelled to fund or build infrastructure not specified in their contracts, and the act applies prospectively from January 1, 2027, preserving existing contracts through December 31, 2026.

Description

As introduced, requires a local government to approve, deny, or identify deficiencies in a development application, development plan, or a site inspection submitted by a developer within 30 days. Requires changes in contracts between local governments and contractors or developers to be in writing; requires a local government to release a contractor or developer from its required bond within 30 days of receiving a determination from an independent inspector that the contractor or developer has completed all work required by the contract. Makes other related changes.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, relative to local governments.

Categories

Local Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

Jack Johnson (R), William Lamberth (R)

Tracking Info

Legislative Committee 2026

Legislative Committee 2026 Comments

Don Scholes

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As written, this does not apply to utility districts or utility authorities

SB 2264 (HB 2073) Defines certain government entities as employers of lobbyists when they hire contractors or representatives for lobbying purposes.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2264** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

HB 2073 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

The definition of employer of a lobbyist in Tennessee Code Annotated § 3-6-301(15)(D) is amended to specify that when a state government department, agency, or entity employs a contractor, subcontractor, or representative to engage in lobbying, the department, agency, or entity is not considered the employer of the lobbyist. This change clarifies the scope of employer responsibility for lobbyists engaged by state government contractors. The amendment takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, provides that a school board, municipal utility, utility district, and department, agency, or entity of county or municipal government that employs a contractor, subcontractor, or representative for purposes of lobbying is deemed to be an employer of a lobbyist. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 3 and Title 8, relative to lobbying.

Categories

Campaigns & Lobbying

Primary Sponsor(s)

Adam Lowe (R), Lee Reeves (R)

SB 2313 (HB 2390) Gibson County - utility district commissioners to serve more than two consecutive terms.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2313** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2390 Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Eligibility for serving more than two consecutive terms as a utility commissioner is expanded to include counties with populations within specific narrow ranges based on the 2020 federal census or any subsequent census. The population ranges specified are approximately 28,800 to 28,900, 42,700 to 42,800, and 50,400 to 50,500. This amendment to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-82-307(a)(2)(D) takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, clarifies that commissioners for utility districts created pursuant to the Utility District Law of 1937 in Gibson County are not prohibited from serving more than two consecutive terms.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 3, relative to utilities.

Categories

Local Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

John Stevens (R), Brock Martin (R)

SB 2334 (HB 2407) Choosing project delivery method for qualified construction projects by local government.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2334** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2407 Filed for introduction on 02/02/2026

AI Summary

Local governments in Tennessee with revenues of at least \$20 million may select any construction project delivery method—construction manager at-risk, design-bid-build, or design-build—through a competitive proposal process authorized by local ordinances for qualified projects exceeding \$5 million. Definitions for project delivery methods and qualified local projects are established to clarify application. This authority overrides conflicting laws and applies to counties, municipalities, utility districts, local education agencies, and similar entities.

Description

As introduced, authorizes a local government having revenues of at least 20 million dollars in the prior fiscal year to use any project delivery method that the local government determines most effectively meets the needs of the local government for the construction of qualified local projects.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 12, relative to construction project delivery methods.

Categories

Local Government

Primary Sponsor(s)

Todd Gardenhire (R), Rick Scarbrough (R)

SB 2418 (HB 2069) Requires attorney general approval of contingent fee contracts for legal services by local governments.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2418** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2069 Introduced in the House. on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Contingent fee contracts for legal services by Tennessee political subdivisions are regulated by requiring public meetings with detailed disclosures, written findings justifying the contract, and approval by the attorney general and reporter before execution. Contracts must demonstrate a substantial need, inability to perform services internally or under hourly contracts, and be in the public interest, with the attorney general empowered to refuse approval or intervene in unauthorized cases. These provisions apply to contracts entered into or modified after July 1, 2026, under HB 2069/SB 2418.

Description

As introduced, requires proposed contingent fee contracts for legal services between a political subdivision of this state and a private-sector attorney to be approved by the attorney general and reporter prior to execution of the contract. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8 and Title 29, relative to lawsuits.

Categories

Government Contracts

Primary Sponsor(s)

John Stevens (R), Chris Todd (R)

SB 2450 (HB 2114) Allows local governments to publish public notices online to meet legal requirements.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2450** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2114 Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Requirements are established for local governments in Tennessee to satisfy public notice publication by posting notices electronically online starting July 1, 2027, provided they pass an ordinance or resolution and adopt a policy ensuring accessibility, security, and legal compliance. Electronic public notice systems must offer free, barrier-free access and maintain standardized formats, archiving, and retention protocols, while third-party operators may charge reasonable fees for hosting. Notices mandated by law to appear in newspapers must continue to comply with existing publication requirements.

Description

As introduced, permits local governments to meet certain public notice requirements by publishing notices electronically online. Broadly captioned.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3 and Title 8, Chapter 44, relative to public notices.

Categories

Government Regulation

Primary Sponsor(s)

Bill Powers (R), John Crawford (R)

SB 2498 (HB 2492)

Requires the department of finance and administration to promulgate rules for cash transaction rounding.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2498** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2492 Filed for introduction on 02/02/2026

AI Summary

Cash transaction rounding to the nearest five cents is mandated, with rules prohibiting rounding practices that systematically favor sellers and requiring receipts to itemize subtotals, rounding adjustments, and total prices. The Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration is directed to promulgate and enforce these rules under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act using existing resources. Failure to comply with the cash transaction rounding rules is established as a violation under Tennessee Code Annotated Section 47-18-104(b).

Description

As introduced, requires the department of finance and administration to promulgate rules relating to cash transaction rounding.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 67, relative to cash transaction rounding.

Categories

Taxes General

Primary Sponsor(s)

Sara Kyle (D), Jason Powell (D)

SB 2534 (HB 2164)

Extension of Utility Regulatory Jurisdiction to Certain Nonprofit Utility Systems.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: **SB 2534** Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026
HB 2164 Filed for introduction on 02/01/2026

AI Summary

Jurisdiction of the Tennessee board of utility regulation is extended to include nonprofit utility systems created in 1985 that govern and maintain communities with at least 5,000 lots or units, provide water and wastewater services exclusively to members, fund some emergency services, and whose governing board has requested such jurisdiction. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-82-701(b)(4) is amended to add this provision. The act takes effect immediately upon becoming law.

Description

As introduced, permits a nonprofit property owners association that provides water and wastewater services exclusively to its members to elect regulation of those utility services by the Tennessee board of utility regulation.

Caption

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 7 and Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to utilities.

Categories

Utilities

Primary Sponsor(s)

Tom Hatcher (R), Iris Rudder (R)

HJR 726 Supports rebuilding the Columbia Dam Project to ensure water supply for growth, development, and recreation.

[State Website](#) 

Latest Action: Taken off notice in House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee. on 02/03/2026

AI Summary

Support is expressed for the reconstruction of the Columbia Dam on the Duck River in Tennessee to restore flood control, water supply, and recreational benefits lost after its demolition. The resolution emphasizes compliance with federal and state environmental and safety laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, and Tennessee Safe Dams Act. The project is recognized as a critical priority to address water resource management, economic development, and population growth in Middle Tennessee.

Description

Expresses support for the reconstruction of the Columbia Dam Project on the Duck River and recognizes it as a critical priority to establish an adequate water supply system for sustained growth, economic development, and recreational use.

Caption

A RESOLUTION supporting reconstruction of the Columbia Dam.

Categories

Environment & Nature

Primary Sponsor(s)

Todd Warner (R)