PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 68

HOUSE BILL NO. 1811

By Representatives Tidwell, Odom, Shepard

Substituted for:  Senate Bill No. 2179

By Senators Kyle, Jackson, Kilby, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Title 11, Chapter 14 relative to state natural areas.

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

SECTION 1.  Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-14-108(b)(1) is amended adding the following as an appropriately designated subdivision, keeping the subdivisions in alphabetical order:

( )  Bon Aqua Woods.  An area of approximately 35 acres in Hickman County protecting a small remnant mesic white oak forest community of "old growth" characteristics, including a variety of oak and hickory species of considerably larger diameter than those found in similar forest types elsewhere in Middle Tennessee.  The forest is also significant because umbrella magnolia, a relatively uncommon species on the Western Highland Rim, is abundant in the understory.

SECTION 2.  Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-14-108(b)(2) is amended by adding the following as an appropriately designated subdivision, keeping the subdivisions in alphabetical order:

( )  Dry Branch.  An area of approximately 2,168 acres located in Lewis County that protects one of the largest known populations of the rare plant, Tennessee yellow-eyed grass, as well as the rare seep communities where it grows.  This Western Highland Rim site also protects a number of other rare plant species, including small-headed rush and large-leaved grass-of-Parnassus.

SECTION 3.  Tennessee Code Annotated Subdivision 11-14-108(b)(1)(P) concerning Rugby is amended by deleting the language, "three hundred twenty-three (323)" and substituting instead the language "four hundred forty-five (445)".

SECTION 4.  This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 16, 2007

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 27th day of April 2007**

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR