

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 588

HOUSE BILL NO. 1972

By Representatives Harmon, McCord

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1107

By Senators Stewart, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to water.

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

SECTION 1. There is created a special joint committee to study and develop ways and means to implement comprehensive water planning in Tennessee, both at the state level and the local level of public water systems.

SECTION 2. As part of such study, the special joint committee shall examine the elements of water supply, water conservation, drought preparedness, and any other elements of water planning that the committee deems pertinent.

SECTION 3. The committee shall consist of sixteen (16) members as follows:

The chair of the house conservation and environment committee;

The chair of the senate environment, conservation and tourism committee;

Three (3) additional members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house;

Three (3) additional members of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

One (1) representative from the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts;

One (1) representative from the Tennessee Municipal League;

One (1) representative from the Tennessee County Services Association;

One (1) representative from the Home Builders Association of Tennessee;

One (1) representative from the Tennessee Farm Bureau;

One (1) representative from the Tennessee Development District Association;

One (1) representative from the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and

One (1) residential customer of a public water system to be appointed by the governor.

SECTION 4. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.


SECTION 5. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly. Non-legislative members of the committee shall serve without compensation or travel reimbursement.

SECTION 6. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect from among its legislative membership a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 7. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the one hundred sixth general assembly no later than February 1, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 18, 2009


KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 6th day of July 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR