



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 56

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 53 RELATED TO EMERGENCY RELIEF**

WHEREAS, in response to the emergency conditions existing in Tennessee in the aftermath of the severe storms and related tornadoes of February 5 and February 6 of 2008, I directed the enactment of the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan on February 5, 2008, thereby declaring a state of emergency in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 55, signed April 1, 2008, renews this state of emergency for up to an additional sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107(e)(1) provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "suspend the provisions of any law, order, rule or regulation prescribing the procedures for the conduct of state business or the orders or rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any such law, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency"; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 53, I suspended temporarily several state laws and rules in order to cope with the current emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide needed assistance to those Tennesseans impacted by the devastating weather events of February 5 and February 6 of 2008, I have determined that it is necessary to amend certain provisions of Executive Order No. 53.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. Paragraph number one (1) of Executive Order No. 53, related to the suspension of certain provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-7-201 et seq. and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs, Chapter 1680-7-1, is hereby amended to extend the suspension of such state laws and rules until the termination of the state of emergency renewed in Executive Order No. 55. In no event will this state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) additional days, unless specifically renewed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2008.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

