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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

### Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky & Tennessee

Bill Report - 57 bills

#### EDUCATION

##### SB2024/HB2017 **Lead contamination testing in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Akbari, Raumesh , Rep. Lamar, London

*Summary:* Requires the department of education with assistance from the department of health, not local boards of education, to develop and implement a program to test water in public schools, public charter schools, and child care programs for lead contamination. Lowers the level of contamination required for removal of water source from 20 parts per billion to 15 parts per billion. If the results exceed 15 parts per billion then parents and guardians must be notified within 24 hours, rather than 5 days.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 2, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/16/20.

*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Education K-12 Subcommittee 03/17/20.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 2, relative to water quality.

##### SB2102/HB2169 **Water bottle filling stations in schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy

*Summary:* Requires an LEA or the governing body of a public charter school that constructs or renovates a public school or public charter school building to install water bottle filling stations for students. Requires at least one station for every 75 students enrolled, one on each floor, one in the school food service area and one near gym, outdoor learning areas, athletic facilities and playgrounds. Prohibits schools from denying students' ability to bring clear water bottles on campus.

*Amendment Summary:* House Education K-12 Subcommittee amendment 1 (015631) deletes all language after the enacting clause so that the only substantive changes are 1) installed water bottle filling stations must be ADA compliant; 2) Defines "ADA compliant;" and 3) Removes the requirement that there be one bottle filling station for every 75 students enrolled in a school.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 23, 2020) Increase State Expenditures \$63,000/FY20-21 \$64,800/FY21-22 \$66,500/FY22-23 \$68,300/FY23-24 \$70,000/FY24-25 \$71,800/FY25-26 \$73,500/FY26-27 Exceeds \$15,800/FY27-28 and Subsequent Years Increase Local Expenditures \$3,375,000/FY20-21\* \$3,468,800/FY21-22\* \$3,562,500/FY22-23\* \$3,656,300/FY23-24\* \$3,750,000/FY24-25\* \$3,843,800/FY25-26\* \$3,937,500/FY26-27\* Exceeds \$831,300/FY27-28 and Subsequent Years\*

*Senate Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for Senate Education Committee 03/16/20.

*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Education Committee 03/18/20.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to access to water in public schools.

#### ENERGY & MINING

##### SB792/HB936 **Permit to conduct surface coal mining operations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William

*Summary:* Specifies that when surface coal mining operations permit applicants are objected to and an informal conference called to resolve conflicts between the applicant and objector is not held, the commissioner shall either approve or disapprove a new application within 60 business days of receipt of the new application. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 59, Chapter 8 and Chapter 839 of the Public Acts of 2018, relative to coal mining and reclamation.

##### SB2529/HB2326 **Increases time the commissioner of environment and conservation has to submit reports on pilot programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Crawford, John

*Summary:* Lengthens time the commissioner of environment and conservation is required to submit a report summarizing results of pilot programs implemented in state procurement agencies to the governor, the comptroller of the treasury, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house from June 30, 2022 to October 1, 2022. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/20 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12 and Title 29, relative to public contracts.

## ENVIRONMENT &amp; NATURE

**SB811/HB845 Regulatory oversight regarding effluents when federal government lacks funds.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Todd, Chris  
*Summary:* Requires state assume regulatory oversight over effluents during periods when the federal government lacks adequate funds to exercise such responsibilities.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee amendment 1, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (015216) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Exempts soil intended for use or reuse from being defined as discarded material constituting "waste."  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 14, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/12/20 - Senate deferred to 03/19/20.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 69, relative to environmental protection.  
*Comment:* TN Chamber bill

**SB908/HB633 Membership of solid waste authority board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Halford, Curtis  
*Summary:* Increases the maximum number of directors permitted on a solid waste authority board from 15 to 17.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2019) Increase Local Expenditures \$19,200/Permissive  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 5 and Title 68, Chapter 211, relative to solid waste and recycling.

**SB924/HB105 Membership of a solid waste authority board of directors.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Todd, Chris  
*Summary:* Increases the maximum number of members on a solid waste authority board of directors that is chosen separately from the board for a municipal solid waste region from 15 members to 17 members. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 2, 2019) Increase Local Expenditures \$19,200/Permissive  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/28/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to solid waste.

**SB1223/HB1378 Annual report on status of water quality.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Sexton, Jerry  
*Summary:* Requires department of environment and conservation to post annual report regarding the status of water quality on its website within five business days of the report's submission to the governor and general assembly. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/13/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 66; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to water.

**SB1357/HB325 Registry of riparian lands maintained under The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Travis, Ron  
*Summary:* Requires the department of environment and conservation to publish on its website the registry of riparian lands that it maintains under The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (014833) deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause. Adds three additional waterways to Class I Natural River Areas in statute.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/02/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014833).  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 13, relative to scenic rivers.

**SB1367/HB914 Annual report submitted by municipal solid waste regions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Keisling, Kelly  
*Summary:* Changes the due date for municipal solid waste regions to submit their progress reports to the environment and conservation commissioner to April 1. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 6, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/19/19 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 68, relative to waste disposal.

**SB1386/HB576 Attendance requirements for members of the Tennessee board of water quality, oil, and gas.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Todd, Chris  
*Summary:* Requires any citizen member of the Tennessee board of water quality, oil, and gas who fails to attend at least 50 percent of regularly scheduled meetings within any twelve-month period to be automatically removed from the board.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 12, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 69, relative to environmental protection.

**SB1572/HB2074 Publishing of administrative enforcement decisions under the Water Quality Control Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Powers, Dennis  
*Summary:* Reduces the time within which administrative enforcement decisions under the Water Quality Control Act must be published on the website of the department of environment and conservation from five business days to four business days. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 01/16/20 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/05/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Title 11; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to water pollution.

**SB1911/HB1965 Limited implementation of federal conservation service programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Powers, Bill , Rep. Reedy, Jay  
*Summary:* Prohibits the department of environment and conservation from administering federal farm service agency and natural resources conservation service programs beyond the extent allowable under federal law or regulation. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (015270) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Makes changes to the Water Quality Control Act by no longer requiring compensatory mitigation in association with watershed activities that are conducted in accordance with a site-specific design developed through full application of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Practice Standard 580 (Tennessee), conducted in accordance to the NRCS Engineering Field Handbook, Chapter 16 Streambank and Shoreline Protection and subject to NRCS over site as a federal action.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/02/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (015270).  
*House Status:* 03/09/20 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 03/09/20 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 69, relative to watersheds.

**SB2119/HB2892 Department of environment and conservation permits.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Russell, Lowell  
*Summary:* Specifies the time frame in which the department of environment and conservation must deny or issue permits. Requires the department issue a decision within 30 days of receipt of a complete application, otherwise the application is considered approved and permit is issued. Exempts certain acts from these permitting requirements. Reduces the time frame for approving or denying Aquatic resource alteration permits, the reissuance of national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits and new or modified (NPDES) permits to 30 days.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (015949) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires that permits for the installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems be granted or denied by the TDEC within 45 days of receiving all information necessary to make a determination or the Department must refund the permit processing fee to the permit applicant. Requires the TDEC to provide a permit applicant, in writing, of what information is necessary to make such determination. If such a permit is denied, the Department is required to include a clear, written explanation for the denial with citations to any rules or statutes that were relied on in making the determination.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 1, 2020) Decrease State Revenue Exceeds \$10,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ Environmental Protection Fund Increase State Expenditures Exceeds \$4,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/ General Fund Decrease State Expenditures Exceeds \$10,000,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Environmental Protection Fund Decrease Federal Expenditures Exceeds \$10,000,000 SB 2119 - HB 2892 1  
*Senate Status:* 03/09/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (015949).  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 11; Section 39-14-306; Section 57-4- 102; Title 59; Title 62; Title 66; Title 68; Title 69 and Title 70, relative to the time within which the department of environment and conservation performs certain functions.

**SB2131/HB2369 Prohibits establishments from providing carryout bags.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Wright, Dave  
*Summary:* Prohibits grocery stores, retail stores, and food service establishments from providing a carryout bag, defined as a bag made of paper or plastic meant for a single use, to a customer. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee amendment 1 (015413) exempts one use paper bags and specifies that this legislation does not prohibit a grocery store, retail store, or food service establishment from providing a customer with a complementary reusable bag or a paper bag.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 20, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/04/20 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee deferred to summer study after adopting amendment 1 (015413).  
*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51 and Title 68, relative to environmental protection.

**SB2155/HB2224 Changes reporting requirements for the department of environment and conservation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William  
*Summary:* Established content requirements for commissioner of environment and conservation's reports that the department of environment and conservation makes concerning permitting efficiency, the Tire Environmental Act, solid waste disposal, and hazardous waste management. Reduces submission deadline for board and commissioner's report evaluating all aspects of the performance of the hazardous waste regulatory program. Part of Administration Package.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (015398) changes from required reporting on the aspects of the performance of the hazardous waste regulatory program during the prior fiscal year to during the prior calendar year.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 12, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/02/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (015398).  
*House Status:* 03/09/20 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 03/09/20 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4- 3-506; Section 68-211-305; Section 68-212-118 and Section 68-212-212, relative to reports of the department of environment and conservation.  
*Comment:* TDEC bill

**SB2219/HB2636 Broadens groups represented by the advisory committee to the division of water pollution control.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Holt, Andy  
*Summary:* Requires recreational users of streams be included in groups represented by the advisory committee to the division of water pollution control appointed to assist the division of water management concerning the removal of debris from streams and stabilization of stream banks. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee amendment 1, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (015789) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates provisions regarding in-lieu fees for adequate compensatory mitigation to not result in a condition of pollution for permits authorizing permanent impacts to waters of the state provision. Specifies failure by an in-lieu fee sponsor to timely complete land acquisition and initial physical and biological improvements as liabilities the commissioner can access against polluters or violators.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/09/20 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to water quality.  
*Comment:* Bill from Waller Lansden

### **SB2224/HB2206 Decreases time that board rulings are required to be published by the Tennessee board of energy and natural resources.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
*Summary:* Decreases the amount of days the Tennessee board of energy and natural resources or an administrative judge is required to publish board rulings on contested cases and acceptance of judgments by consent from five business days to three business days. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee amendment 1 (015852) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits the Board of Water Quality, Oil, and Gas (Board) from adopting in its rules, requirements for drip or spray fields that impose land set aside for excess capacity, emitter center specifications, elevation restrictions, or limitations on land use where effluent is disinfected prior to application. Establishes that no permit under the Water Quality Control Act of 1977 will impose as a permit condition any requirement for drip or spray fields that impose land set aside for excess capacity, emitter center specifications, elevation restrictions, or limitations on land use where effluent is disinfected prior to application. House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (016308) deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause. States that a permit is not required for the construction, installation, or modification of an authorized land application.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 10, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/12/20 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Title 7, Chapter 35; Title 65 and Title 69, relative to water quality.  
*Comment:* Home Builder's bill

### **SB2521/HB2793 Requires rules for recovered materials processing facilities**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Johnson, Gloria  
*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of environment and conservation to establish rules to create a permanent process for owners and operators of recovered material processing facilities. Requires the permitting process to mirror those under the Tennessee Solid Waste Disposal Act and to include the creation of a permit fee, schedule of fines and provisions ensuring that the facilities operate according to the law.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 22, 2020) Increase State Revenue - \$242,200/FY20-21/TDEC \$235,600/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/TDEC Increase State Expenditures - \$242,200/FY20-21/TDEC \$235,600/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/TDEC  
*Senate Status:* 03/04/20 - Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee deferred to TACIR.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to recovered materials processing facilities.

### **SB2572/HB2765 Reporting date for the office of energy programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Halford, Curtis  
*Summary:* Requires the office of energy programs to report by February 1, 2021, to the agriculture and natural resources committee of the house of representatives and the energy, agriculture and natural resources committee of the senate on their efforts to develop clean energy technologies in 2020. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/09/20 - Withdrawn in House.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9 and Title 68, relative to clean energy programs.

### **SB2772/HB2194 Decreases time the department of environment and conservation has to issue or deny certain permits.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Vaughan, Kevin  
*Summary:* Decreases the time period in which the department of environment and conservation must either issue or deny an aquatic resource alteration permit from 90 to 75 days. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/04/20 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to aquatic resource alteration permits.

### **HJR773 Constitutional amendment - dedicated revenue allocation to protect forests, parks.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Marsh, Pat  
*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article II of the Constitution of Tennessee to authorize the General Assembly to provide for, by general law, a dedicated revenue allocation to be used to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitats, and state and local parks; conserve lands that protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors.  
*House Status:* 01/29/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

### **HJR824 Constitutional amendment - revenue allocations to protect forests, habitats, and parks.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Holsclaw, Jr., John  
*Summary:* Proposes an amendment to Article II of the Constitution of Tennessee to authorize the General Assembly to provide for, by general law, annual adequate revenue allocations to be used to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitats, and state and local parks; conserve lands that protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors.  
*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

## GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

### SB1073/HB593 **Public hearings of the department of environment and conservation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Beck, Bill  
*Summary:* Requires the department of environment and conservation to hold public hearings on Monday through Thursday outside of normal business hours, or at any time on Saturday. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 24, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/05/19 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8, Chapter 44; Title 11; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to public hearings.

### SB1652/HB1730 **Sunset - board of examiners for architects and engineers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Extends the board of examiners for architects and engineers to June 30, 2026.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 17, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/20/20 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/02/20 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 03/10/20 - Sent to governor.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 62, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to the board of examiners for architects and engineers.

### SB1711/HB1789 **Sunset - utility management review board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin  
*Summary:* Extends the utility management review board to June 30, 2026.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 20, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/20/20 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/02/20 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 03/10/20 - Sent to governor.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 7, relative to the utility management review board.

## LABOR LAW

### SB1165/HB1239 **Hiring workers who lack work authorization status.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Griffey, Bruce  
*Summary:* Prohibits governmental entities from contracting with people who will not provide proof of work authorization status for those to receive public money. Requires private employers with at least six employees and governmental entities to verify the work authorization status of employees hired after December 31, 2019. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment Summary:* House amendment 1 (006250) rewrites the bill and specifies private employers and governmental entities are only required to use E-Verify program to verify the work authorization status of employees hired on or after January 1, 2020. Requires private employers with 25 or more employees and government entities to comply with requirements pertaining to E-Verify by January 1, 2020.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 8, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to first calendar of 2020.  
*House Status:* 04/08/19 - House passed with amendment 1 (006250).  
*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.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### SB1766/HB1841 **Creation of new water or wastewater treatment authorities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Marsh, Pat  
*Summary:* Imposes various changes to the process for any city, metropolitan government or county to create new water or wastewater treatment authorities. Requires any city, metropolitan government or county attempting to create new authorities to submit a petition to the water and wastewater financing board for review and approval before a public hearing is held. Establishes petition requirements and approval process.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 27, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/02/20 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7- 34-106; Section 7-35-432; Section 68-221-604; Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 10 and Section 68-221- 1304, relative to the water and wastewater financing board.  
*Comment:* Comptroller's Office bill

### SB2668/HB2813 **Authority of landowners' riparian water rights.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Halford, Curtis

*Summary:* Restricts home rule municipalities or counties operating under a county charter form of government from exercising authority over landowner riparian water rights and reasonable use for water to which a landowner has a riparian water right. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 28, 2020) Other Fiscal Impact To the extent an applicable locality currently regulates riparian water rights through licensing fees, removal of such regulation will result in an unknown, recurring decrease in local revenue.

*Senate Status:* 03/04/20 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 10 and Title 69, Chapter 3, relative to water.

## MEDIA & PUBLISHING

### SB2247/HB2463 **Confidentiality of private records held by public utilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Holsclaw, Jr., John

*Summary:* Clarifies that certain provisions related to the confidentiality of private records held by public utilities only apply to those records and not to all confidential records.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 8, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/05/20 - Senate passed.

*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Consent on 03/16/20.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to confidential records.

## PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE

### SB196/HB261 **Expands the Right to Earn a Living Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Daniel, Martin

*Summary:* Requires entry regulations, public service restrictions, and statutes to be clearly apparent and shaped to fulfill a legitimate public health or safety objective. Allows individuals to bring civil action on relevant licensing authorities that failed to meet standards.

*Amendment Summary:* House Government Operations amendment 1 (006605), which deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause. Makes various changes to the Right to Earn a Living Act. Authorizes an affected person to petition a licensing authority to repeal or modify an entry regulation within its jurisdiction, including entry regulations promulgated relative to statute. Exempts any state agency, regulatory board, commission, council, or committee that regulates a person under certain circumstances. House Finance Committee amendment 1 (007904) adds language to Amendment 006605 that states a prevailing plaintiff is not entitled to and shall not be awarded damages, costs, or attorney fees, for a cause of action; and deletes the provision that states a cause of action does not exist under Title 1, Chapter 3 to seek damages, costs, or attorney fees.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 15, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown factors, the exact impact of the proposed legislation cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 04/17/19 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1; Title 4; Title 7; Title 38; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 67, relative to the ability to conduct business in this state.

### SB392/HB282 **Legislation concerning licensure, certification, or registration requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin

*Summary:* Requires any legislation that creates or modifies licensure, certification, or registration requirements for occupational and professional groups to be referred for review to the government operations committee or an appropriate standing committee by the speaker of each house.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 7, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

*House Status:* 03/27/19 - Returned to House clerk's desk.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, relative to the review of legislation concerning licensure, certification, or registration requirements for occupational and professional groups.

### SB2422/HB2464 **Permits for sand and gravel dredging.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Holsclaw, Jr., John

*Summary:* Restricts the commissioner of environment and conservation from denying a permit application for sand or gravel dredging in the Tennessee River solely on the basis of inadequate compensatory mitigation for habitat loss without the consideration of mitigation alternatives. Broadly captioned.

*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*House Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, relative to permits.

### SB2451/HB1944 **Licensing Independence for Future Tennesseans Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Daniel, Martin

*Summary:* Enacts the Licensing Independence for Future Tennesseans Act or LIFT Act. Authorizes a licensing authority to issue a license to practice if an applicant meets certain requirements including if the applicant holds a valid license in another state, they held the license in another state for at least one year prior to application, the other state required the application to pass an examination and the applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal history. Establishes other requirements for applicants and licensing authorities.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 7, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for Senate Commerce & Labor Committee 03/17/20.

*House Status:* 03/10/20 - Taken off notice in House Business Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 62, Chapter 76 and Title 63, Chapter 1, relative to occupational licensing.

## TAXES SALES

### SB1949/HB2538 **Exemption - water for private residences.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Doggett, Clay  
*Summary:* Exempts water sold by a public utility to a consumer for residential use from sales and use taxes.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 26, 2020) Decrease State Revenue Net Impact \$41,748,400/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue Net Impact \$16,655,200/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years  
*Senate Status:* 03/11/20 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee.  
*House Status:* 03/11/20 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to the sales and use tax on water for private residences.

## TRANSPORTATION GENERAL

### SB1590/HB1604 **Notice regarding relocation of utility facilities located in a state highway right-of-way.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan  
*Summary:* Increases, from 10 to 30, the number of days an owner of utility facilities located in a state highway right-of-way has to respond to a second relocation notice, and the number of days an owner has to file the reservation of rights notice with the department of transportation. Broadly captioned.  
*Amendment* Senate amendment 1 (015781) renames various roads and bridges.  
*Summary:*  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/09/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (015781), which renames various roads and bridges.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Transportation Committee 03/18/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructure.  
*Comment:* Omnibus bridge/road naming bill

## UTILITIES

### SB14/HB67 **Funding to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide rescue services within utility district's service area.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Zachary, Jason  
*Summary:* Permits utility districts formed under the Utility District Law of 1937 to provide funding, if approved by the board of commissioners, to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide rescue services within the utility district's service area and that do not provide fire protection services.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Permissive decreases in local revenue available for funding authorized and required operations performed by utility districts. Potential permissive decreases in local revenue available for locally operated organizations.  
*Senate Status:* 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/27/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82, relative to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide rescue services.

### SB291/HB244 **Extends period of allotted time for public comment on proposed new landfills.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Terry, Bryan  
*Summary:* Extends to 35 days the minimum period of time allotted for written public comments on a proposed new solid waste landfill.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 31, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
*House Status:* 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to solid waste.

### SB370/HB329 **Notice - fluoridation of water supply.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Moon, Jerome  
*Summary:* Increase the time that a public water system or waterworks system has to give public notice to its customers in a general mailing prior to the meeting in which the system will determine to initiate or permanently cease fluoridation of its water supply from 30 to 45 days.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/04/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to utilities.

### SB518/HB525 **Study on operation of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Hill, Timothy  
*Summary:* Requires the commerce committee of the house and commerce and labor committee of the senate to jointly study the operation of the Tennessee public utility commission and to submit a report to the speakers no later than January 1, 2020. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2019) Increase State Expenditures \$28,400/One-Time  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Delayed Bills Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/26/19 - Taken off notice in House Commerce Committee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 65, relative to utilities.

### SB526/HB1149 **Selling or sharing of electronically captured data by a utility.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Ragan, John  
*Summary:* Prohibits a utility, utility district, utility service, or utility system from selling, sharing, or disclosing information generated, provided, or otherwise collected from an advanced metering system or meter information network, including, but not limited to, information used to calculate charges for service, historical load data, or any other customer information, to a third party unless the information is aggregated in such a way so as not to identify individual customers or properties.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 19, 2019) Increase State Revenue Exceeds \$1,000/Comptroller of the Treasury Increase State Expenditures \$69,700/General Fund  
*Senate Status:* 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/13/19 - Taken off notice in House Utilities Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to electronically captured data.

**SB532/HB604 Determines procedure for purchase of selling utilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Marsh, Pat

*Summary:* Allows acquiring and selling public utilities establish the rate making base by determining fair market value. This determination will be made by two appraisers, one of which will be hired by the seller and the other by the acquiring public utility, the lesser of the fair market values constitutes the rate base associated with the selling utility by incorporating it into the rate base of the current tariff district designated by the acquiring public utility. The utilities commission shall accept the acquiring public utility's district or tariff group recommendation, unless the recommendation is determined to be contrary to the public interest. Any post-acquisition improvements made by the acquiring public utility to the selling utility must accrue cost for financing set at the acquiring public utility determined rate for allowance for funds used during construction, inclusive of debt, equity, and income tax gross up components, after the date on which the expenditure was made by the acquiring public utility until the investment has been placed in service and new rates or surcharges are implemented by the acquiring public utility.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 11, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact Due to multiple unknown factors, a precise impact to local government revenue cannot reasonably be determined.

*Senate Status:* 04/09/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 03/26/19 - Returned to House clerk's desk.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, relative to public utilities.

**SB910/HB500 Allows reelection eligibility for utility district commissioners who meet training requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Eldridge, Rick

*Summary:* Allows eligibility for reappointment or reelection for utility district commissioners who failed to meet certain training requirements if those requirements are completed and if the utility district is not responsible for paying for any expenses incurred to complete the requirements.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 3, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact In the event a commissioner becomes eligible for reappointment or reelection prior to the appointment or election of a new commissioner, it could result in unknown cost avoidance for the utility district.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/06/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 68, relative to continuing education and training requirements.

**SB1253/HB955 Deposit as a precondition of providing utility service.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Gant, Ron

*Summary:* Prohibits a public utility from charging a deposit as a precondition of providing utility service to persons who have been customers for at least five years with accounts in good standing for at least five years.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 20, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.

**SB1254/HB956 Deposits required by public utilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Gant, Ron

*Summary:* Orders a public utility to not require any government to make a deposit as a precondition to providing a utility service to a governmental entity.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated April 3, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact A shift of state and local government expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 65, relative to deposits required by public utilities.

**SB1414/HB1281 Sale of all or part of assets of utility district.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Hill, Timothy

*Summary:* Allows the utility management review board to take action to authorize the voluntary sale of all or part of the assets of a utility district to a public utility if it is in the best interest of the public by a majority vote within the governing body of the district. Authorizes the board to negotiate the terms of the sale to the purchasing party and to issue an order approving the contract for sale and permitting the governing body of the utility district to execute the contract. Specifies a contract must include paying for all costs of acquisition and how the proceeds of the sale will be distributed. Orders the Tennessee public utility commission and the comptroller of the treasury to approve the contract for sale prior to the closing of the sale and within 90 days of the sale. After execution of the contract, assets are deemed to be part of a public utility.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated March 7, 2019) Other Fiscal Impact The extent and timing of any increase in local revenue distributed from proceeds of a sale cannot reasonably be determined.

*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*House Status:* 03/26/19 - Returned to House clerk's desk.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 7 and Section 65-4-101, relative to private purchase of a utility district.

**SB1433/HB521 Deletes provision requiring public utility commission hold a hearing concerning access to the Do Not Call Register.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hill, Timothy

*Summary:* Deletes provision requiring the public utility commission hold a hearing no later than January 1, 2000, to take testimony concerning whether independent contractors should have access to the Do Not Call Register.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 27, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT

*Senate Status:* 04/16/19 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*House Status:* 03/13/19 - Taken off notice in House Utilities Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to utilities.

**SB1479/HB679 Requires report on the average annual water loss.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Marsh, Pat

*Summary:* Requires a report to the speaker of the house of representatives and the speaker of the senate from the comptroller of the treasury by March 1 of each year listing the average annual water loss contained in the annual audit for utility systems. Broadly captioned.

*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2019) NOT SIGNIFICANT



*Senate Status:* 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 7; Title 9 and Title 68, relative to utilities.

### SB1792/HB1709 **Submitting annual reports to the utility management review board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Grills, Rusty  
*Summary:* Requires each utility district to submit an annual report to the utility management review board if they are under the jurisdiction of the board. Requires each water system and wastewater facility to submit an annual report to the water and wastewater financing board. Authorizes the boards to impose sanctions on utility districts, water systems, and wastewater facilities that fail to submit the reports on time.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 27, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/20/20 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/02/20 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 03/10/20 - Sent to governor.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 3 and Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 10, relative to utility reporting requirements.  
*Comment:* Comptroller's Office bill

### SB1798/HB1630 **Clarifies definition of utility district commissioner.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. White, Dawn , Rep. Helton, Esther  
*Summary:* Clarifies the definition of "utility district commissioner" for purposes of continuing education requirements. Revises other related provisions including the authority of a utility management review board to investigate utility districts under the board's jurisdiction.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 28, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/24/20 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 02/20/20 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 02/24/20 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7- 82-308; Section 7-82-709; Section 68-221-1305; Section 68-221-605; Section 68-221-1009 and Section 68-221-1206, relative to utilities.  
*Comment:* Comptroller's Office bill

### SB1934/HB1838 **Connection or reconnection of a utility service.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Boyd, Clark  
*Summary:* Specifies that no political subdivision of this state may adopt an ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, or policy that prohibits the connection or reconnection of a utility service based upon the type or source of energy to be delivered to an individual customer  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1 (014903) deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes:(1) establish that such language is applicable to any municipality, public corporation, body politic, authority, district, metropolitan government, county, or any other form of local government; (2) establish that the prohibition on adoption of such policies does not limit a political subdivision from complying with the terms and conditions of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and (3) establish that if any part of the prohibition conflicts with federal law requirements, then the federal law controls.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 30, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/02/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014903).  
*House Status:* 03/09/20 - House passed.  
*Executive Status:* 03/09/20 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to connections of utility services and mechanical systems.

### SB1961/HB1633 **Use of revenues by municipal utility systems.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Gant, Ron  
*Summary:* Requires a municipal utility board or the municipal governing body and the comptroller of the treasury to establish procedures and guidelines for a natural gas utility system to devote revenues derived from the system to fund chambers of commerce or economic and community organizations. Requires certain financial reporting by any chambers of commerce or economic and community organizations receiving such funds.  
*Amendment Summary:* Senate amendment 1, House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (014983) deletes and rewrites language of the original bill such that the substantive changes (1) limit the scope of receipts and expenditures provided by applicable chambers of commerce or economic and community organizations to the COT to only those which are relative to the use of funds received from a municipal natural gas utility; and (2) change the effective date from upon becoming law to January 1, 2021.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated January 25, 2020) Increase Local Expenditures Exceeds \$100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Permissive  
*Senate Status:* 03/05/20 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (014983).  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7- 34-115, relative to the use of revenues by municipal utility systems.

### SB2320/HB2561 **Bledsoe Regional Water Authority.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Rudder, Iris  
*Summary:* Repeals the Bledsoe Regional Water Authority.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 5, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/24/20 - Senate passed.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 12, relative to the Bledsoe Regional Water Authority.

### SB2491/HB2158 **Increases amount of required meetings of the underground utility damage enforcement board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Marsh, Pat  
*Summary:* Changes the frequency with which the underground utility damage enforcement board must meet each calendar year from a minimum of two times to a minimum of three times. Broadly captioned.

*Amendment Summary:* House Commerce Committee amendment 1 (015516) deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill. Requires a person responsible for the excavation or demolition designate the location of the proposed area of excavation or demolition by marking the area with "safety white" color-coded stakes or white paint and increases penalties for companies not complying to regulations. Requires hand digging and non-invasive methods be used when possible inside a marked safety zone. Sets protocol for reporting incidents of damage to underground utilities that cause escape of flammable, toxic, or corrosive substances.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 11, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for Senate State & Local Government Committee 03/17/20.  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee 03/17/20.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 28 and Title 65, Chapter 31, relative to utility facilities safety enforcement.

**SB2498/HB2512 Authorizes Davidson County to construct a storm water utility.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Powell, Jason  
*Summary:* Authorizes Davidson County to construct, operate and maintain a storm water utility to be funded through the graduated storm water user fees. Requires approval by two-thirds (2/3) votes of the legislative body of Davidson County.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 28, 2020) Other Fiscal Impact Permissive increases in local expenditures for Davidson County for construction of storm water utility infrastructure will be offset by increases in local revenue from collection of storm water user fees. The extent and timing of such impact cannot reasonably be determined.  
*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 03/10/20 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 68, Chapter 221 and Title 69, relative to the Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority Act.

**SB2626/HB2810 Report - average annual water loss by utility districts with excessive water loss.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Rudder, Iris  
*Summary:* Changes the deadline date, from February 1 to March 1 each year, for the comptroller's report to the speakers of the senate and house of representatives related to the average annual water loss by utility districts with excessive water loss. Broadly captioned.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 13, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*Senate Status:* 02/10/20 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.  
*House Status:* 02/11/20 - Referred to House Utilities Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82 and Title 65, relative to utility districts.

**HJR778 US Army Corps of Engineers to comply with TN law in regard to water projects.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Sparks, Mike  
*Summary:* Urges the US Army Corps of Engineers to comply with Tennessee law in its administration of water projects in the State of Tennessee.  
*Fiscal Note:* (Dated February 11, 2020) NOT SIGNIFICANT  
*House Status:* 03/12/20 - Set for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee 03/17/20.