

County Officials Association of Tennessee Legislative Update



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REGISTER OF DEEDS

SB306 / HB236 Enacts the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. John Mark Windle

Description Creates "Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act." Limits, modifies and supersedes certain sections of the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. Establishes certain filing rules for persons disclaiming an interest in real property created by a transfer on death deed.

Fiscal Note (Dated April 1, 2015) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$349,700
Increase Federal Expenditures – Exceeds \$650,300

Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 03/04/2015 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 31; Title 32 and Title 66, relative to transfer on death deeds.

SB465 / HB898 Tennessee Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act.

Category Estates & Trusts

Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Kevin Brooks

Description Creates the "Tennessee Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act." Authorizes real property and motor vehicles to be transferred upon an owner's death to a designated beneficiary. Allows such action to occur if

indicated in a "death deed." Specifies contents of such death deeds. (14 pp.)
 Fiscal Note (Dated March 16, 2015) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$349,700
 Increase Federal Expenditures – Exceeds \$650,300

Senate Status 03/24/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 01/21/2016 - Withdrawn in House.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 30; Title 31; Title 32; Title 35; Title 55; Title 66 and Section 67-4-409, relative to the automatic transfer of property upon death.

SB685 / HB705 Register of deeds redaction of social security numbers on records.

Category Media & Publishing

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Bud Hulsey

Description Allows any register of deeds, instead of particular ones, to redact social security numbers on recorded documents maintained on computers, and if requested, allows any register of deeds to redact such numbers from recorded documents at the request of certain persons.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 28, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/02/2016 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status 02/03/2016 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-515, relative to redacting social security identification numbers.

SB1043 / HB237 Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.

Category Energy & Mining

Sponsors Sen. Steve Southerland / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description Enacts the "Property Assessed Clean Energy Act," which allows a local government to establish a property assessed clean energy program (PACE program). Requires the local government to adopt a resolution of intent and to hold a public hearing on the proposed program. Allows a local government that establishes a program to enter into a written consent with a record owner of real property in a region to impose an assessment to repay the owner's financing of a qualified project on the owner's property. Defines a "qualified improvement" as a permanent improvement fixed to real property and intended to decrease or offset water or energy consumption or demand, including a product, a device, or an interacting group of products or devices that uses energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, regulate temperature, or increase energy efficiency." (13 pp.)

Amendment House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee amendment 1 (004330) specifies lending companies and their operations are exempt from adopted programs under this act.

(Dated March 15, 2015) Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant
 Fiscal Note Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$5,000/Permissive Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$5,000/Permissive
 Senate Status 03/25/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.
 House Status 03/25/2015 - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee deferred to 2016.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5; Title 5; Title 6 and Title 68, to enact the "Property Assessed Clean Energy Act."

SB1481 / HB1507 AG's office to post information on web during condemnation proceeding.

Category Judiciary
 Sponsors Sen. Ferrell Haile / Rep. Courtney Rogers
 Description Directs the office of the attorney general and reporter to prepare a statement of a property owner's rights during any condemnation proceeding and to post this landowner's bill of rights on its website no later than January 1, 2017. Requires that information regarding how to access the statement be sent together with any notice of the filing of a petition to institute condemnation proceedings.
 Fiscal Note (Dated February 18, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 Senate Status 01/13/2016 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
 House Status 01/19/2016 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 17 and Title 29, Chapter 16, relative to the rights of property owners during condemnation proceedings.

SB1816 / HB1930 Publication of notice of intent to enforce tax lien.

Category Taxes Property
 Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Mark White
 Description Requires notice of intent to enforce tax lien to be published in a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive weeks instead of only two consecutive weeks.
 Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
 House Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property tax liens.

SB1833 / HB1863 Restrictions on fees in regards to copying deeds.

Category Taxes Sales

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Andrew Farmer

Description Requires any person soliciting a fee for providing a copy of a deed to state on the document used for solicitation that the solicitation is not from a state or local government agency and that no action is legally required by the person being solicited. Also requires such person to state on the solicitation the fee for obtaining a copy of the deed from the register of deeds and the contact information for the office of the register of deeds. Prohibits a person soliciting a fee for providing a copy of a deed from charging a fee that is more than four times the fee charged by the register of deeds. Prescribes civil penalties for the unlawful solicitation of a fee to provide a copy of a deed.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 12, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 02/17/2016 - Taken off notice in House Consumer & Human Resources Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 66, relative to copies of deeds.

SB1922 / HB2008 Disposal of unclaimed garments by dry cleaner.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors Sen. Todd Gardenhire / Rep. Sheila Butt

Description Increases from 180 to 200 days the minimum time required before a dry cleaner or launderer may dispose of unclaimed garments. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 28, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/15/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to 03/22/16.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to property.

SB1950 / HB1883 Disposal of unclaimed garments by dry cleaner.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Martin Daniel

Description Increases from 180 days to 240 days the minimum time required before a dry cleaner or launderer may dispose of unclaimed garments. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 19, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to summer study.

House Status 03/16/2016 - House Business & Utilities Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, relative to property.

SB2034 / HB2080 Certain requirements for military discharge forms.

Category Veterans & Military Affairs

Sponsors Sen. Richard Briggs / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description Amends the form in which a request to redact or remove a military discharge record from the county register of deeds to include the name of the veteran, the name of the person making the request and their relationship to the veteran, the type of military discharge record, and a notarization. Provides that the record complies with the county register of deeds relative to the nondisclosure of social security numbers.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 11, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/07/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 03/14/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/06/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0694 effective March 24, 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-4-125 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to county registers of deeds.

SB2068 / HB1973 Homestead exemption increase for joint owners of real property.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Bob Ramsey

Description Increases the homestead exemption to \$75,000 for an individual and \$150,000 for individuals who jointly own and use real property as their primary place of residence.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 26, Chapter 2, relative to homestead exemptions.

SB2173 / HB2235 Time frame for abatement of blighted property.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors Sen. Reginald Tate / Rep. Barbara W. Cooper

Description Increases the period of time in which the owner of property determined to be blighted or deteriorated has to abate the conditions from 90 days to 115 days. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 16, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/17/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 13; Title 66 and Title 67, relative to property.

SB2348 / HB1959 Disclosure of property being located on private road.

Category Property & Housing
Sponsors Sen. Steven Dickerson / Rep. Bo Mitchell
Description Requires a seller to disclose if residential property is located on a private road. Defines "private road" to mean a way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner but not by any other members of the public.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 5, relative to required property disclosures.

SB2352 / HB2084 Enacts "Property Assessed Clean Energy Act."

Category Energy & Mining
Sponsors Sen. Steven Dickerson / Rep. Bill Dunn
Description his bill authorizes local governments to establish a property assessed clean energy (PACE) program to provide financing for a qualified project to an owner of commercial, industrial, or residential real property. A "qualified project" is the installation or modification of a permanent improvement fixed to real property and intended to decrease or offset water or energy consumption or demand and includes the installation or modification of a product, device, or interacting group of products or devices that use energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, regulate temperature, or increase energy efficiency. Under this bill, a local government may designate a region within its jurisdiction in which the government may enter into a written agreement with a property owner of record in order to provide financing to the owner for a qualified project. Financing provided pursuant to this bill may be used for certain expenses specified by this bill, including materials, labor, and permit fees. The owner's property will be assessed pursuant to the PACE agreement in order to repay the financing provided for the qualified project. A local government may administer and finance a program or may delegate the administration or financing or both to a qualified third party. A local government may issue bonds or notes in order to finance a qualified project through contractual assessment. Such bonds or notes may not be general obligations of the local government and must be secured by payments of contractual assessments on benefited property. After a qualified project is completed, the local

government must obtain verification that the project was properly completed and is operating as intended. A verification of energy efficiency by TVA or a local power company will satisfy the verification requirement. This bill prohibits a local government from imposing a PACE assessment to provide financing for the following: (1) Facilities for undeveloped lots or lots undergoing development at the time of the assessment; or (2) The purchase or installation of products or devices not permanently fixed to real property. Notice of each contractual assessment entered into pursuant to this bill must be filed with the register of deeds of the county in which the property is located. A contractual assessment and any interest or penalties on the assessment is a first and prior lien against the property on which the assessment is imposed and has the same priority status as for any other ad valorem tax, with certain exceptions. Such lien will run with the land and may not be eliminated by foreclosure of a property tax lien. The local government must provide notice to each lien holder of record of the owner's intention to participate in the PACE program. This bill details the procedure by which a local government may establish or amend its PACE program, including a period of public hearing and comment. Authorizes a local government to hire a program administrator and program staff, or delegate or contract for professional or administrative services necessary to administer a PACE program. A local government may impose fees to offset the costs of administering the program; however, this bill only authorizes fees to be imposed on property owners participating in the PACE program. (Dated February 29, 2016) Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds

Fiscal Note \$5,000/Permissive/Each PACE Project Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$5,000/Permissive/Each PACE Project

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

House Status 03/09/2016 - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee deferred to summer study.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5; Title 5; Title 6 and Title 68, to enact the "Property Assessed Clean Energy Act."

SB2397 / HB2401 Foreclosure on lien against condo unit owner.

Category Property & Housing

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Ron Travis

Description Revises the notice provisions pertaining to a condominium association to say that notice of foreclosure must be given to the unit owner, lienholders, other interested parties, or the nominee of record of any of the three. Provides that notice is sufficient if sent to the unit owner at the unit or the last address on file, or if to a lienholder or other interested party, to the address in the record or on file. Provides that the association is entitled to proceeds from the sale up to the extent of the common expense assessment, but not exceeding one percent of the maximum principal indebtedness of a lien secured by the first mortgage or deed of trust. Requires that the deed be properly recorded for perfection to occur.

House amendment 1 (014969) makes the bill. Makes various changes to current TCA statutes relative to liens against condominium unit owners. Clarifies that the recording of a declaration constitutes record notice of the lien, and a lien for any delinquent assessment under this section up to the priority in payment provided in (b)(2) is perfected without recording. Any other delinquent amount above the priority of payment is perfected by recording it in the lien book in the register of deeds office in the county where the real property is located. Provides the lien shall not have the priority provided over mortgages and deeds if the owner of the unit or the holder of any mortgage or deed of trust on the unit has provided notice in writing to the association and the association has failed to give written notice of the delinquency to the holder of the first mortgage or deed of trust at the address provided by the party.

Amendment

Fiscal Note (Dated March 7, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/07/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/04/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.

Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0866 effective June 1, 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 27, relative to liens.

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SB37 / HB282 Attorney general investigations concerning public officials.

Category Judiciary

Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Mike Carter

Description Gives the attorney general and reporter concurrent jurisdiction with the appropriate district attorney general to investigate and initiate the criminal prosecution of public officials for corruption and misuse of public office. Defines "public official" as any person who holds an elected office in any branch of the state government or political subdivision.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/01/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Status 03/11/2015 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to the jurisdiction and authority of the attorney general and reporter.

SB129 / HB207 Publishing future plans for streets and highways on websites.

Category Transportation General
Sponsors Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Darren Jernigan
Description Requires a county or municipality to publish the official map of future plans for streets and highways on county or municipality's website at least 30 days before the date of the hearing on the map. Broadly Captioned.
Amendment House amendment 1 (013211) deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the Department of Revenue to provide a free decal to any disabled driver who applies for and receives a registration license plate in a category identified in Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-202(a).
Fiscal Note (Dated January 29, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 04/04/2016 - Senate passed.
House Status 03/28/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.
Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0840 effective April 19, 2016.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB141 / HB495 Lobbyists - contacting a legislator during session or committee.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying
Sponsors Sen. Reginald Tate / Rep. Karen D. Camper
Description Prohibits a lobbyist or any employee or employer of a lobbyist from knowingly sending a text message or placing a telephone call to an official of the legislative branch while the official is participating in a legislative committee meeting or floor session, except in response to a prior request by the official.
Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 03/26/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 04/01/2015 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, relative to lobbying officials of the legislative branch.

SB191 / HB175 Salary petition by a county official in Dickson and Cheatham counties.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Kerry Roberts / Rep. Mary Littleton
Description Requires a judge or chancellor to dismiss any salary petitions, filed by a county official, if the judge or chancellor determines that the county officials, deputies and assistants in the office are able to properly conduct the business of the office within the established budget.
Fiscal Note (Dated March 25, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 02/11/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 04/01/2015 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-20-101, relative to petitions to employ deputies and assistants.

SB328 / HB315 Assessment of fees for producing records for inspection.

Category Media & Publishing
Sponsors Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Steve McDaniel
Description Allows a record custodian to require a written request to view a public record. Specifies that a records custodian may assess a reasonable charge in producing the record for viewing if records custodian occurs a cost.
Fiscal Note (Dated March 14, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 01/14/2016 - Withdrawn in House.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-4-604 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to inspection of public records.

SB466 / HB985 County government employee cannot serve on county legislative body.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Mike Bell / Rep. Courtney Rogers
Description Disqualifies any county government employee from serving as a member of the county legislative body. Exempts current members of the county legislative body and allows current members to be reelected so long as they are a county employee on December 1, 2015. Clarifies someone who qualifies as a candidate for any public office as someone who (1) has made a formal announcement of candidacy, (2) has filed a petition seeking nomination for election to public office, or (3) has received contributions, made expenditures, or given consent for a campaign committee to receive contributions or make expenditures for the individual's election to public office. Broadly captioned.
Amendment House amendment 1 (012723) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits a member of a legislative body of a county who is also an employee of the same county or whose spouse is an employee of the same county from voting on matters in which such member has a conflict of interest. Creates a "conflict of interest" as a matter which would increase the pay or benefits of that member or that member's spouse. If the vote of any member having a conflict of interest is challenged during the same meeting where the vote was cast and prior to the transaction of any further business by the body, the vote shall be void. Authorizes a member of a local governing body of a county to vote on the budget, appropriation resolution, tax rate resolution, or amendments, unless the vote is on a specific amendment to the budget or a specific appropriation or resolution in which the member has a conflict of interest. Prohibits the vote of any

member who is abstaining for cause on any issue from being counted in the official vote tally. Exempts the Metropolitan Council of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County from the forgoing prohibition. Removes references to county legislative bodies from Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-54-107 relative to votes on contracts and prevents municipal employees that are also members of the municipal legislative body from voting on matters in which the member has a conflict of interest. SENATE AMENDMENT 1 (014944) adds language to Section 2 and Section 4 of the bill that authorizes the legislative body of any metropolitan form of government or charter form of government to opt out of the provisions of Section 2 and Section 4 of the original bill relative to disqualifying a county employee from service as a member of the county legislative body and allowing county employees serving on legislative bodies on December 1, 2015, to continue serving if reelected by resolution, respectively.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 22, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/19/2016 - Senate passed with previously adopted amendment 1.

House Status 04/20/2016 - House concurred in Senate amendment 1.

Executive Status 04/20/2016 - Sent to the speakers for signatures.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 12, relative to county government.

SB527 / HB512 State mandates to local governments.

Category Local Government

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Dale Carr

Description Negates mandatory application of certain laws on local governments that are not fully funded. Prohibits an agency of state government from creating a new fee that will impact local governments in any year in which the general state revenues to the agency have decreased from the previous year.

Senate Status 02/12/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 02/18/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 2 and Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 53, relative to state mandates to local governments.

SB825 / HB937 State departments and agencies - reports on federal funds.

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors Sen. Paul Bailey / Rep. Judd Matheny

Description Requires every state department and agency to develop an annual report detailing all federal funds received by, or passed through, the department or agency and to submit the report to each member of the general assembly by January 1 of each year.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 16, 2015) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$43,800
 Increase Federal Expenditures – Exceeds \$20,800
 Senate Status 04/06/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government
 Committee.
 House Status 04/01/2015 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to reporting
 of various types of federal funding.

SB843 / HB303 Inspection of documents and petitions related to elections.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying
 Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Tim Wirgau
 Description Requires election officials to inspect filings for sufficiency and timeliness.
 Establishes conclusive presumption that accepted filings are sufficient and
 timely filed.
 Fiscal Note (Dated February 15, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 Senate Status 03/29/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government
 Committee.
 House Status 03/23/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

SB910 / HB876 Credit card account numbers and PIN numbers - confidential.

Category Media & Publishing
 Sponsors Sen. Jack Johnson / Rep. Bill Dunn
 Description Specifies that all credit card account numbers and PIN numbers in the
 possession of the state and local governments are confidential, rather than
 only those numbers that come from persons doing business with the state
 or a local government.
 Amendment Senate amendment 1 (015144) deletes all language after the enacting
 clause. Amends T.C.A. 10-7-515, as amended by the passage of Senate Bill
 2034/House Bill 2080, by deleting references to social security numbers
 and social security identification numbers and substituting the phrase
 "personally identifying information." Deletes language added by Senate
 Bill 2034/ House Bill 2080 which stated that compliance with T.C.A. 10-7-
 515 will satisfy the obligations of a county register of deeds under T.C.A.
 4-4-125 relative to the nondisclosure of social security numbers. Adds
 language stating that compliance with T.C.A. 10-7-504(a)(28) will satisfy
 the obligations of a county register of deeds relative to the nondisclosure of
 personally identifying information. Declares that "personally identifying
 information" has the same meaning as defined in T.C.A. 10-7-504(a)(28).
 Fiscal Note (Dated February 27, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 Senate Status 04/06/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.
 House Status 04/13/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0914 effective July 1, 2016.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to the confidentiality of records.

SB1027 / HB1068 Posting of notices on secretary of state's website.

Category Media & Publishing
Sponsors Sen. Bill Ketron / Rep. Bryan Terry
Description Requires all legal notices relative to foreclosures, land sales, transactions involving real property, or otherwise required by statute to be published in a newspaper of general circulation to be posted on the administrative register web site within the secretary of state's web site. Provides that a legal notice may also be filed in a newspaper of general circulation, provided that a publishing fee of \$50.00 is paid to the secretary of state.
Senate Status 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 02/23/2015 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, relative to newspapers of general circulation.

SB1031 / HB159 Distribution of federal funds to local government units.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Bill Ketron / Rep. Glen Casada
Description Prohibits the state, in certain circumstances, from disbursing federal funds it receives on behalf of a few local government units if the state did not apply for those funds on behalf of all local government units that are required by the application for such funds; provided that the court has ruled against the department for the distribution of such funds. Broadly Captioned.
Amendment House Local Government Subcommittee amendment 1 (004281) provides that if a court of this state or the United States issues a final order finding that the state department of education is not authorized to submit the application on behalf of any LEA unless the application includes all LEAs that meet the application's requirements for receipt of the federal pre- K expansion funds, then after the final order is issued, the department is required to terminate funding to those pre-K programs for which the application was granted, and the department is prohibited from resubmitting any applications to receive those funds. Defines "federal pre-K expansion funds." Applies only to an application for federal pre-K funds after December 31, 2013 that is (1) submitted by the state department of education on behalf of one or more, but less than all, LEAs that meet the application's requirements for receipt of the funds; (2) granted by the federal departments of education and health and human services; and (3) the subject of a lawsuit.
Senate 02/19/2015 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Status
House
Status 03/31/2015 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 7; Title 4, Chapter 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9, Chapter 4 and Title 49, relative to applications for federal funds by the state on behalf of local government units.

SB1352 / HB1359 Changes date counties must remit fees in access to certain salaries.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Kent Calfee
Description Changes the date certain counties must remit fees, commissions, and charges in excess of certain public officers' salaries, together with the salaries of the officer's assistants and the office expenses, to the county trustee from September 1 and April 1 to March 1 and October 1. Broadly Captioned.
Fiscal Note (Dated March 20, 2015) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 03/31/2015 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 02/24/2016 - Failed in House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, relative to public officers.

SB1438 / HB2191 Requires TCRS to divest in holdings of entities that operate in Iran.

Category Public Employees
Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Judd Matheny
Description Directs the treasurer of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) to divest direct holdings in companies that have substantial current operations in Iran, as determined by the list of companies identified in quarterly reports submitted to the council on pensions and insurance under present law. Clarifies that all entities within TCRS acting in good faith in accordance to the law shall be absolved from any legal action.
Fiscal Note (Dated January 16, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 04/13/2016 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to the next calendar.
House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Finance Subcommittee.
Executive Status 02/08/2016 - Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance released to standing committees with unfavorable comment.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 24; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36; Title 8, Chapter 37; Title 8, Chapter 5 and Title 9, relative to public investments in companies operating in Iran.

SB1440 / HB2154 Reduces Hall income tax for certain disabled veterans.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. John Ragan

Description Reduces from six percent to five percent the Hall income tax for taxpayers who are veterans with service-connected disabilities beginning January 1, 2017. Defines "veteran with a service-connected disability."
(Dated January 25, 2016) Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact – \$54,800/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years Increase State Expenditures – \$15,000/FY17-18 Decrease Local Revenue – Net Impact – \$29,900/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact – Secondary economic

Fiscal Note impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Such impacts may be realized due to changes in population or as a result of other behavioral changes prompted by the passage of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Senate Status 04/18/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/19/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 2, relative to income tax relief for veterans.

SB1449 / HB1880 Establishes a Class C felony of assault of a public servant.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Dennis Powers

Description Establishes a Class C felony of assault of a public servant, which is a person known to be a first-responder or police officer, while that person is engaged in official duties.

Fiscal Note (Dated March 4, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – \$8,045,500/Incarceration*

Senate Status 04/18/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/18/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to assault of a public servant.

SB1452 / HB1433 Requires candidates to annually disclose their credit score range.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors Sen. Paul Bailey / Rep. Cameron Sexton

Description Requires candidates and appointees for elective offices to annually disclose their credit score range. Specifies those ranges as a (1) 0; (2) 700 and above; (3) 699 to 650; (4) 649 to 550; or (5) 549 to 1.

Amendment House Local Government Committee amendment 1 (012301) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to make the

provisions of the original bill permissive for candidates of public office as identified. HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT 2 (012648) adds that candidates for and appointees to such offices may disclose whether they have used illegal drug with a period of 120 days. States that such disclosures are entirely optional and shall be designated as such on the disclosure form.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 25, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 03/01/2016 - Failed in Senate State & Local Government Committee after adopting amendment 1.
House Status 03/24/2016 - Held on House clerk's desk.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1 and Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 5, relative to disclosure statements.

SB1453 / HB1463 Statutory revisions for implementation of annual appropriations act.

Category Public Finance
Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Charles M. Sargent
Description Requires the state funding board's records of state debt obligations to include the amounts of necessary expenses for making debt service payments. Broadly Captioned.
Senate Status 04/13/2016 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee placed behind the budget.
House Status 04/13/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Committee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 42; Title 43; Title 44; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 61; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act.

SB1455 / HB1461 Appropriations and expenses of the state - 2016 session.

Category Public Finance
Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Charles M. Sargent
Description Makes appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain legislative enactments passed during the 2016 session of the 109th General Assembly. Earmarks sufficient state funds for the purpose of funding any bill naming a highway or bridge in honor of a service member killed in action. Broadly Captioned.
Senate Status 04/13/2016 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee placed behind the budget.
House Status 04/13/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Committee.

Caption AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016, in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations, and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016.

SB1461 / HB1822 Decreases Hall income tax rate from 6 percent to 5.5 percent.

Category Taxes General

Sponsors Sen. Mark Green / Rep. Jay D. Reedy

Description Decreases Hall income tax rate from six percent to five and a half percent for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

(Dated February 15, 2016) On January 11, 2016, a fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows: Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact – \$13,859,200 Decrease Local Revenue – Net Impact – \$7,572,000 Other Fiscal Impact – Secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Such impacts may be realized due to changes in population or as a result of other behavioral changes prompted by the passage of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. The estimated fiscal impact incorrectly represented the first fiscal year that would be impacted by the proposed legislation. Based on additional review, the estimated fiscal impact is: (CORRECTED) Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact – \$13,859,200/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years Decrease Local Revenue – Net Impact – \$7,572,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years Other Fiscal Impact – Secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Such impacts may be realized due to changes in population or as a result of other behavioral changes prompted by the passage of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. SB 1461 – HB 1822 (CORRECTED) Corrected

Fiscal Note Senate Status 04/18/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 04/18/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 2, relative to tax levied on income from stock dividends and interest on bonds.

SB1471 / HB1702 Reporting functions of public entities.

Category Government Organization

Sponsors Sen. Steven Dickerson / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description Specifies February 1 as annual date by which commerce and labor committee of the senate, insurance and banking committee of the house, and finance, ways and means committees of both houses must review the Access Tennessee and CoverKids programs. Changes annual date by which the office of legislative budget analysis and comptroller must provide comments on the higher education funding formula to the chairs of the education and finance, ways and means committees of both houses from December 1 of each year to February 1 of each year. Broadly captioned.

Amendment Senate Amendment 1 (013872) makes multiple changes to various requirements regarding the reporting of certain specified information to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, to the various standing committees of the General Assembly, to the chairs of various standing committees, to certain members of the General Assembly, and to other specified individuals, when such information is to be reported from the various state departments, agencies, bureaus, boards, offices, commissions, committees, and other state entities. Adds that the Commission on children and youth, on or before September 1st of each year, shall make recommendations for the state budget to the Governor, the House and Senate Finance committees, the legislative budget office and affected state departments.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 13, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 03/23/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.

House Status 03/31/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/26/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0797 effective April 14, 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 8; Title 9; Title 12; Title 16; Title 17; Title 23; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 49; Title 50; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 64; Title 65; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to reporting functions of public entities and officials.

SB1482 Apportionment of inmates.

Category Corrections

Sponsors Sen. Ferrell Haile

Description Excludes residents of state correctional institutions from being considered in reapportionment. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 01/13/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5 and Title 41, relative to apportionment of inmates.

SB1552 / HB1437 Decreases Hall income tax rate from 6 percent to 5.5 percent.

Category Taxes General
 Sponsors Sen. Jack Johnson / Rep. Charles M. Sargent
 Description Decreases Hall income tax rate from 6 percent to 5.5 percent for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016.
 (Dated January 8, 2016) Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact – \$13,859,200 Decrease Local Revenue – Net Impact – \$7,572,000 Other Fiscal Impact – Secondary economic impacts may occur as a result of this bill. Such impacts may be realized due to changes in population or as a result of other behavioral changes prompted by the passage of this bill. Due to multiple unknown factors, fiscal impacts directly attributable to such secondary impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.
 Fiscal Note
 Senate Status 02/23/2016 - Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee returned to Senate Finance without recommendation.
 House Status 04/19/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 2, relative to tax levied on income from stock dividends and interest on bonds.

SB1587 / HB1870 Public pension plans to recognize domestic relations order.

Category Public Employees
 Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Andrew Farmer
 Description Authorizes all public pension and retirement plans, including those local governmental entities, to recognize a qualified domestic relations order that directs the entity to allocate a portion of a member's benefits to the member's former spouse.
 Amendment House amendment 1 (011985) changes the effective date to July 1, 2016.
 Fiscal Note (Dated February 2, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 Senate Status 04/18/2016 - Senate concurred in House amendment 1.
 House Status 04/14/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.
 Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0931 effective July 1, 2016.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 26-2-105, relative to public pension and retirement plans for which qualified domestic relations orders are enforceable.

SB1593 / HB1663 Early voting for stand-alone municipal elections.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying
 Sponsors Sen. Mae Beavers / Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver
 Description Lowers period of early voting for a municipal election not held in conjunction with primary or other elections in cities with 750 or less registered voters to not more than 15 days nor less than seven days before election day. Current law specifies not more than 20 days nor less than five days before election day.
 Fiscal Note (Dated January 31, 2016) Decrease Local Expenditures - \$1,600

Senate Status 02/09/2016 - Senate State & Local Government Committee deferred to next to the last calendar.
House Status 01/20/2016 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to early voting.

SB1607 / HB2042 Use of personal funds for political communications.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying
Sponsors Sen. Frank Niceley / Rep. Andrew Farmer
Description Specifies that, for purposes of determining a violation of the disclosure requirement, "person" does not include an individual who uses personal funds to pay for any communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or that solicits any contribution. Provides further that the individual may not be a candidate for public office, employee or volunteer for any candidate for public office, employee or volunteer for any political campaign committee, or employee or volunteer of any political party when the communication was made or within six months prior to the communication being made.
Amendment Senate amendment 1 (012776) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to add a requirement that any applicable person must finance 500 or fewer communications and the individual's signature must be in a clear and conspicuous manner on the communication to be considered excluded pursuant to the legislation.
Fiscal Note (Dated February 4, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 02/29/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.
House Status 03/09/2016 - Failed in House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10 and Title 2, Chapter 19, relative to political communications.

SB1626 / HB1742 Establishes an online voter registration system.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying
Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Gerald McCormick
Description Establishes an online voter registration system beginning July 1, 2017. Requires the online voter registration system to use a unique identifier, including driver license numbers and social security numbers, for each applicant to prevent unauthorized persons from altering a voter's registration information.
Fiscal Note (Dated February 1, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000/One-Time Exceeds \$100,000/Recurring Increase Local Expenditures - \$237,500/One-Time* \$63,500/Recurring*
Senate Status 04/18/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/19/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0936 effective July 1, 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 2, Part 1, relative to establishing an online voter registration system.

SB1649 / HB1701 False statements in relation to audit by comptroller.

Category Criminal Law

Sponsors Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for supervisors and employees who make false statements related to an audit conducted by or on behalf of the comptroller of the treasury.

Amendment Senate Amendment 1 (013043) limits the offenses in this bill to intentional acts, instead of intentional or knowing acts. This amendment also specifies, in regarding to an employee intentionally interfering with an audit, that the offense is committed only if the employee, based on experience, training, and longevity, knew or should have known what information, documentation, or communication was being requested. HOUSE AMENDMENT 1 (014823) specifies that it is an offense for a state employee to intentionally interfere with, impede, or obstruct access to any documentation or communications that is requested during or in relation to an audit conducted by or on behalf of the Comptroller of the Treasury if that employee, based on experience, training and longevity, knew or should have known what information, documentation, or communication was being requested.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 29, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/11/2016 - Senate concurred in House amendment 1.

House Status 03/31/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.

Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0939 effective July 1, 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 4, relative to misconduct for public officials and employees.

SB1742 / HB2347 Records of proposals prior to contract being awarded.

Category Media & Publishing

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Kent Calfee

Description Provides that proposals and statements of qualifications to a local government for a personal service, professional service, or other specified services shall not be open for public inspection until the intent to award the contract to a particular respondent is announced.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 31, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/10/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 03/14/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/06/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0686 effective March 24, 2016.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, relative to local government records.

SB1744 / HB1790 Soliciting fees for copies of public records.

Category Media & Publishing
Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Jon Lundberg
Description Requires persons who solicit fees for copies of public records to put certain information in the solicitation, including language stating that the solicitation is not from a state or local government agency and language stating that no action is legally required by the person being solicited. Also requires the information to include how to contact the appropriate state or local government agency that has custody of the record.
Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 01/26/2016 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 13; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 47, Chapter 18, relative to copies of public records.

SB1748 / HB1764 Time for local governments to adopt budgets for emergency aid.

Category Public Finance
Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Curtis G. Johnson
Description Increases from three weeks to 30 days the amount of time required between the date a local government receiving emergency aid submits its annual budget to the comptroller and the date the local government may adopt the budget. Broadly Captioned.
Amendment House amendment 1 (013726) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Deletes obsolete provisions in Tenn. Code Ann. 8-21-701(2) that outline fees that county clerks are entitled to demand and receive, including \$7 for filing and recording amounts from business tax returns and \$2 earmarked for computer hardware purchases
Senate Status 04/04/2016 - Senate passed.
House Status 03/31/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.
Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0850 effective April 19, 2016.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 12; Title 49; Title 67 and Title 71, relative to public finance.

SB1749 / HB1763 Time period for mayor to appoint attorney in delinquency case.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Barry Doss

Description Increases from 90 days to 120 days the time period in which a county mayor has to appoint an attorney to bring suit after receiving a report from auditors that sums cannot be collected without suit. Increases from 90 days to 120 days the time period in which the comptroller of the treasury may appoint an attorney to bring such suits if the county mayor fails or refuses to bring such suits.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/26/2016 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 3, relative to local government audit.

SB1750 / HB1762 Yearly report date for the open records counsel.

Category Media & Publishing

Sponsors Sen. Dolores R. Gresham / Rep. Steve McDaniel

Description Changes the date by which the office of open records counsel and the advisory committee on open government must provide its yearly report from March 1 to April 1. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 26, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/26/2016 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 10, relative to government transparency.

SB1757 / HB1739 Prohibits members of a governing body voting by text message.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors Sen. Doug Overbey / Rep. Jon Lundberg

Description Prohibits members of a governing body voting by text message when such members are participating in a meeting by electronic means or for members participating in an electronic communication set up by a governing body.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 4, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/26/2016 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44 and Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to governing bodies.

SB1772 / HB1719 County employee prohibited from serving on county finance committee.

Category Local Government

Sponsors Sen. Mae Beavers / Rep. Mark Pody
 Description Prohibits a county employee from serving as a member of a county budget committee or a county finance committee for the county where he or she is employed. Prevents members of those committees, who are also county employees on July 1, 2016, from becoming disqualified and allows them to continue in office for the remainder of their term.
 Fiscal Note (Dated January 27, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
 House Status 02/03/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 12; Title 5, Chapter 13; Title 5, Chapter 21; Title 5, Chapter 5; Title 5, Chapter 8 and Title 12, Chapter 4, relative to county employees.

SB1776 / HB2155 Litigation taxes to be used for substance abuse prevention.
 Category Taxes Business
 Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. John Ragan
 Description Authorizes a county legislative body to use revenue from certain county litigation taxes for substance abuse prevention purposes upon adoption of a resolution by 2/3 vote of the county legislative body.
 Fiscal Note (Dated February 17, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 Senate Status 03/14/2016 - Senate passed.
 House Status 03/07/2016 - House passed.
 Executive Status 04/06/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0661 effective March 29, 2016.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 6, relative to substance abuse prevention.

SB1779 / HB1919 TCRS - vesting percentage for certain employees.
 Category Public Employees
 Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Charles M. Sargent
 Description Establishes a comprehensive update to TCRS statutes for compliance with IRS. Clarifies definition of earnable compensation does not include compensation exceeding the maximum amount allowed under the internal revenue code. Clarifies that retirement system is established as a qualified plan. Specifies sick leave conversions only granted if it is under established policy. Clarifies and updates provisions relating to military service credit for compliance with federal law. Clarifies compliance with limitations of contributions and benefits. Clarifies vesting rights and forfeiture provisions. Specifies that TCRS will pay benefits under minimum distribution benefits in internal revenue code. Codifies that optional retirement allowances are paid on the basis of actuarial assumptions adopted by the board. Clarifies the current language that authorizes the board to adopt a group trust instrument by adding internal revenue code references. Codifies that assets

of TCRS are for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the plan. Updates provisions for rollover provisions under internal revenue code. (18 pp.)

Fiscal Note (Dated January 26, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 02/10/2016 - Senate passed.
House Status 03/03/2016 - House passed.
Executive Status 03/28/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0605 effective March 17, 2016.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37, relative to retirement.

SB1795 / HB1818 Raises age qualification for municipal legislatures.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Kerry Roberts / Rep. David Shepard
Description Changes restriction on the minimum age qualification for membership on any municipality's legislative body from age 21 to age 22. Broadly captioned.
Senate Status 01/21/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 01/26/2016 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, relative to cities and towns.

SB1838 / HB1698 Processing fee - collection of funds by credit or debit card.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Mark Green / Rep. Joe Pitts
Description Removes provision whereby a processing fee may not exceed 5 percent of the amount of payment collected by credit or debit card, in regard to the authority for a county or municipal entity or officer to set and collect a processing fee in an amount that is equal to the amount paid to a third party processor for processing the payment.
Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2016) Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100
Senate Status 03/07/2016 - Senate passed.
House Status 03/07/2016 - House passed.
Executive Status 03/28/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0621 effective March 22, 2016
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 1, relative to collection of funds by state or local government by credit or debit card.

SB1839 / HB2158 TCRS members - retirement credit for the military service.

Category Public Employees
Sponsors Sen. Mark Green / Rep. John Ragan
Description Allows TCRS members or retired members who served in the armed forces during certain periods of armed conflict to establish retirement credit for the military service under certain conditions.
Fiscal Note (Dated January 31, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – \$1,755,700/FY16-17 \$1,512,300/FY17-18 Increase Federal Expenditures – \$530,400/FY16-17 Increase Local Expenditures – \$109,700/FY16-17* \$1,008,200/FY17-18* Other Fiscal Impact – The total additional lump sum pension liability to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System is estimated to be \$4,916,400. SB 1839 - HB 2158
Senate Status 03/30/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 04/06/2016 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.
Executive Status 02/29/2016 - Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance released to standing committees with unfavorable comment.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-605, relative to certain military service as creditable service in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system.

SB1857 / HB2313 Owning of stock in privately held prisons by public employees.

Category Public Employees
Sponsors Sen. Lee Harris / Rep. Antonio Parkinson
Description Beginning on and after January 1, 2017, this bill will make it a Class C misdemeanor offense for any district public defender, district attorney general, attorney general and reporter of Tennessee, judge, or law enforcement officer to: (1) Own shares of stocks or hold investments in private prison companies; or (2) Receive the dividends and proceeds from such stocks or other investments from private prison companies. No later than September 1, 2016, this bill requires any district public defender, district attorney general, attorney general and reporter of Tennessee, judge, or law enforcement officer who owns or receives benefits from shares of stock or investments in private prison companies to disclose the investment to the Tennessee ethics commission. Any such investment must be divested by January 1, 2017. The commission will be authorized to administratively assess a civil penalty of up to \$25.00 per day, up to a maximum of \$750 for failure to comply with the disclosure and divestment requirements of this bill. This bill further requires that any person employed or newly hired as an assistant district public defender or assistant district attorney general on or after January 1, 2017, must provide a written disclosure to their chief executive officer of all stocks or investments in private prison companies that such person holds. This bill authorized the Tennessee ethics

commission to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this bill.
Fiscal Note (Dated March 4, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 03/30/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 03/29/2016 - Failed in House Local Government Committee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 67, relative to investments in private prison companies.

SB1860 / HB1999 Penalties assessed to candidates.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying
Sponsors Sen. Reginald Tate / Rep. Karen D. Camper
Description Clarifies that person owing any civil penalty shall be ineligible to qualify as a candidate for election to any state or local public office. Specifies that penalty must be paid prior to qualifying deadline.
Amendment House Local Government Subcommittee amendment 1 (014763) deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change specifies that the penalty and costs are paid in "collected funds" and authorizes a payment plan to allow candidates to be eligible for any election if the outstanding civil penalty is greater than \$5,000.
Fiscal Note (Dated March 3, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 03/30/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 03/29/2016 - House Local Government Committee deferred to summer study.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1 and Section 2-5-101, relative to penalties assessed to candidates.

SB1866 / HB1896 Persons 65 years or older receive photo ID for voting purposes.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying
Sponsors Sen. Reginald Tate / Rep. JoAnne Favors
Description Allows a person 65 years of age or older, who has never been issued a birth certificate, to be issued a photo identification license for voting purposes by furnishing a social security card, Medicare card, health insurance card, or other satisfactory document substantiating the person's identity. Clarifies that prior to issuing the license the department may require the person to sign an affidavit stating that the person has never been issued a birth certificate and needs the photo identification for voting purposes.
Fiscal Note (Dated March 7, 2016) Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$300 Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100
Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 03/16/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, relative to obtaining a photo identification license for voting purposes.

SB1869 / HB1920 Revises provisions regarding TCRS investments.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Charles M. Sargent

Description Provides correction and clarification to statutes. Updates optional retirement reference. Specifies continuing membership in retirement system or Optional Retirement Plan (ORP). Specifies transfer of teacher member from legacy plan to hybrid plan. Clarifies that teachers who become other state employees can remain in hybrid plan. Authorizes State Treasurer to assess cost of administering ORP so that it is of no cost to the state. Establishes treatment of inactivity of disability retirement benefits consistently applied to the hybrid plan with costs controls, the hybrid plan with cost controls, and the alternate plan. Creates maximum unfunded liability cost controls. Clarifies that the transfer of funds between the stabilization reserve trust account is not a maximum unfunded liability cost control as it relates to the hybrid plan. Clarifies political subdivision employees transferring from the legacy plan to the hybrid plan. Allows a political subdivision to permit its employees the option to transfer on a prospective basis from the legacy plan to the hybrid plan provided that the employee contributions are the same. Requires eligible higher education employees to join TCRS or ORP on initial date of hire instead of 30 days after receiving employment in higher education. Requires any employer who desires to participate in TCRS on or after July 1, 2016, to pay unfunded liability, if any. Removes all references to forms in effort to require electronic submission of information where possible. Clarifies that all employees with optional membership in hybrid plan who are hired after July 1, 2016, make an irrevocable election to participate as required by the internal revenue code. Requires employees having optional membership in the optional plan hired after July 1, 2016 to make an irrevocable election to participate prior to October 31, 2016 as required by the internal revenue code. Clarifies certain changes to prior service credit for non-elected service. Allows individual having optional membership within the hybrid plan who elected not to participate to obtain prior service credit within the hybrid plan once an individual becomes a member of the hybrid plan. Specifies individual must have one year of membership to be eligible. Requires employee contribution rate in TCRS to be same contribution rate in preexisting plan as required by the internal revenue code. Clarifies TCRS investments and makes certain changes to ensure TCRS is in compliance with federal law and the Dodd Frank Act. Increases allowable limits on returnable assets. Increases allowable limits on alternative assets, such as real estate and traditional private equity. Clarifies how TCRS owns and operates title holding entities.

Amendment Senate Amendment 2 (001560) prohibits the total sum invested in real property and private equity from exceeding 40 percent of the total funds of

the retirement system unless further restricted or qualified by the board and the legislative council on pensions and insurance in the investment policy. HOUSE AMENDMENT 3 (013681) adds that any TCRS member who is employed by a political subdivision that is a participating employer in the retirement system will be eligible to establish retirement credit for time during which the member was employed by a joint venture between that political subdivision and one or more other political subdivisions if the following conditions are met: (1) The joint venture was a governmental entity for purposes of federal laws and regulations applicable to qualified governmental pension plans during the time the member was employed by the joint venture; (2) The joint venture was dissolved and its operations were transferred to and made a department of the participating political subdivision; (3) The member has not established the credit in any other retirement program; (4) The participating political subdivision authorizes and pays for the cost of an actuarial study to determine the liability associated with the granting of the service credit and, following review of the cost of granting the service credit, the chief governing body of the political subdivision passes a resolution authorizing such service credit and accepting the liability therefor; and (5) Members establishing the prior service must make a lump sum payment equal to the employee contributions the members would have made had the members been members of the retirement system during the period claimed, plus interest at the rate. The political subdivision may, at its option, pay all or part of the employee contributions and interest on behalf of the members. The retirement system will not be liable for the payment of retirement allowances or other payments on account of such members or their beneficiaries for which reserves have not been previously created from funds contributed by the political subdivision, its employees, or both. This amendment states the legislative intent that the state realize no increased cost as a result of this amendment. All costs associated with retirement coverage, including administrative costs, will be the responsibility of the political subdivision.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 29, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 04/11/2016 - Senate concurred in House amendment 3.

House Status 03/31/2016 - House passed with amendment 3.

Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0962 effective April 27, 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-9-103; Title 8, Chapter 25; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36; Title 8, Chapter 37 and Section 26-2-105, relative to retirement.

SB1890 / HB2187 Political contributions by certain LLCs.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying

Sponsors Sen. Frank Niceley / Rep. Matthew Hill

Description Creates a Class 2 offense for a series LLC that contributes to a political

campaign committee, punishable by a maximum civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 or 15 percent of the amount in controversy, if 15 percent of the amount in controversy is greater than \$10,000.

Senate Status 03/30/2016 - Failed in Senate State & Local Government Committee for lack of a second.

House Status 04/14/2016 - Held on House clerk's desk.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10; Title 2, Chapter 19 and Title 48, Chapter 249, relative to political contributions by certain LLCs.

SB1935 / HB1938 Filling vacancies on local legislative body - complaints.

Category Local Government

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Tim Wirgau

Description Extends the time frame in which a complaint that challenges the legality of an appointment to the local legislative body to fill a vacancy may be filed in chancery court, from ten days to 20 days. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5 and Title 12, relative to local legislative bodies.

SB1945 / HB1939 Correction of deficient voter registration information.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager / Rep. Tim Wirgau

Description Makes various revisions to election laws such as when a deficient voter registration may be corrected, the timing of delivery of poll books and records to the counting board. Prohibits the appointment of a candidate's spouse on the ballot to serve as a poll watcher.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 13, 2016) Decrease Local Expenditures – \$13,100/FY16-17 and Every Two Years Thereafter

Senate Status 03/14/2016 - Senate passed.

House Status 04/07/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/21/2016 - Signed by governor.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-14-202; Section 2-2-109; Section 2-3-204; Section 2-6-303; Section 2-7-104 and Section 2-9-105, relative to elections.

SB1959 / HB1842 More early voting sites for counties exceeding a population of 62,000.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying

Sponsors Sen. Jeff Yarbro / Rep. Jason Powell

Description Requires the election commission for any state or federal election to establish at least one secondary early voting site for a county with a population of 130,000 or more according to the 2010 federal census, which would include Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Montgomery, Rutherford, Shelby, Sumner, and Williamson counties, in addition to the primary early voting polling site, for each state house of representative's district containing territory within the county. Requires counties with a population of more than 65,000 but, less than 130,000 according to the 2010 federal census, which would include Anderson, Blount, Bradley, Greene, Hamblen, Madison, Maury, Putnam, Robertson, Sevier, Sullivan, Washington, and Wilson counties to establish at least one secondary early voting polling place in addition to the primary early voting site. Specifies that secondary voting sites are to be open at least half as many total days and half as many hours as the primary locations. Defines primary and secondary voting sites. Requires early voting sites to be equally distributed throughout the county of which they are located.

Amendment Senate State & Local Government amendment 1, House local government subcommittee amendment 1 (012296) limits bill to Davidson County. (Dated February 1, 2016) Increase State Expenditures - \$146,900/FY19-20 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter Increase Local Expenditures - \$500,100/FY16-17 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter* \$150,100/FY17-18 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter* \$302,600/FY18-19 and Every Fourth Year Thereafter*

Fiscal Note

Senate Status 03/31/2016 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status 03/23/2016 - House Local Government Committee deferred to summer study after adopting amendment 1.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to locations for early voting.

SB1996 / HB1496 Insurance - protection against breach of fiduciary duty.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors Sen. Bill Ketron / Rep. William G. Lamberth

Description Permits a governmental entity to obtain insurance that covers an employee's breach of its fiduciary duties. Requires the policy to have a \$400,000 limit.

Amendment House amendment 1 (011721) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires county governments to either obtain and maintain blanket surety bond coverage with a minimum coverage of \$150,000 for all county employees not covered by individual bonds referenced elsewhere in state statute, or purchase an insurance policy that provides government crime coverage, employee dishonesty insurance coverage, or equivalent coverage that insures the lawful performance by officials and their employees of their fiduciary duties and responsibilities. Each insurance policy shall be

deemed a blanket official bond for each official office or office identified in the purchased insurance policy. Requires a certificate of insurance and certain relative documentation to be filed with the County Register. Declares that any insurance policy shall satisfy the requirement for filing the official bond by the named officials, and that local government entities electing to purchase insurance policies will not experience an increase in monetary limits pursuant to the Governmental Tort Liability Act. SENATE AMENDMENT 1 (014275) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires county governments to either obtain and maintain blanket surety bond coverage with a minimum coverage of \$150,000 for all county employees not covered by individual bonds referenced elsewhere in state statute, or purchase an insurance policy that provides government crime coverage, employee dishonesty insurance coverage, or equivalent coverage that insures the lawful performance by officials and their employees of their fiduciary duties and responsibilities. Each insurance policy shall be deemed a blanket official bond for each official office or office identified in the purchased insurance policy. Requires a certificate of insurance and certain relative documentation to be filed with the County Register. Declares that any insurance policy shall satisfy the requirement for filing the official bond by the named officials, and that local government entities electing to purchase insurance policies will not experience an increase in monetary limits pursuant to the Governmental Tort Liability Act. Clarifies language in the bill regarding administrative entities established pursuant to § 29-20-401(b)(2).

Fiscal Note (Dated February 1, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
 Senate Status 03/23/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.
 House Status 03/28/2016 - House concurred in Senate amendment 1.
 Executive Status 04/25/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0749 effective April 12, 2016.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, relative to insurance for local government officials and employees.

SB2014 / HB1945 Underground utilities - damage prevention.

Category Utilities
 Sponsors Sen. Bill Ketron / Rep. Tim Wirgau
 Description Increases the amount of time that underground utility operators are afforded to stake the location of their utilities upon receiving notice of an emergency excavation or demolition from two to three hours. Broadly captioned.
 Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
 House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.
 Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 65, relative to underground utility damage prevention.

SB2020 / HB1937 Notary records of financial institutions.

Category Public Employees
Sponsors Sen. Ferrell Haile / Rep. Tim Wirgau
Description Requires a financial institution that adopts a written policy stating that notary records are a record of the financial institution to give a copy of the written policy to the individual receiving notary services.
Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 21, relative to fees.

SB2033 / HB2082 Protecting personally identifying information in government records.

Category Public Finance
Sponsors Sen. Richard Briggs / Rep. Bill Dunn
Description Defines "public records request coordinator" and "records custodian." Revises the requirements relating to the protection of personally identifying information in public records. Requires every governmental entity to establish a written public records policy. Prevents governmental entities from publicly disclosing personal information of a citizen information unless authorized or made to certain consumer reporting agencies or financial institutions. Removes the provision for dissemination of social security numbers. Requires the office of open public records to establish a model best practices and public records policy.
Amendment House amendment 1 (012820) changes "January 2, 2017" to "July 1, 2017" as the date by which every affected governmental entity shall establish a written public records policy. Requires the Office of Open Records Council to provide a proposed draft of any policy or guideline to the Advisory Committee on Open Government for comment before establishing that policy or guideline.
Fiscal Note (Dated February 17, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 03/24/2016 - Senate passed.
House Status 03/10/2016 - House passed with amendment 1.
Executive Status 04/25/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0722 effective July 1, 2016.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 4; Title 8, Chapter 4; Title 10, Chapter 7; Title 39; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 50, Chapter 1 and Title 67, relative to protecting personally identifying information in public records.

SB2127 / HB1934 Budget for county department of education.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Paul Bailey / Rep. Kelly Keisling
Description Revises the provisions governing the adoption of the budget for a county

legislative body; specifies that if the board of education, county mayor, and county budget committee are unable to agree upon the budget for the county department of education by August 31, then the budget will be equal to the budget of the preceding year less any one-time federal or state funds.

Senate Status 03/22/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 12, Part 2, relative to county budgets.

SB2157 / HB2461 Writing off of uncollectible accounts receivable.

Category Public Finance
Sponsors Sen. Reginald Tate / Rep. Karen D. Camper
Description Requires that accounts receivable owed to governmental entities that remain unpaid and owing for at least 15 years must be deemed uncollectible and written off in accordance with general accepted auditing principles. Requires the governmental claimant to provide written notice to the debtor that the outstanding payment is discharged and not required within 30 days of an account receivable being deemed uncollectible.
Amendment House Local Government Subcommittee amendment 1 (014892) deletes in SECTION 1(a)(3) the language "the state or" wherever it appears. And further amends by deleting section in section 1 (b) the language "shall be deemed uncollectible and shall be written off" and substituting instead the language "may be deemed uncollectible and may be written off". Further amends by deleting in SECTION 1 (b) the language "general accepted auditing principles" and substituting instead "generally accepted accounting principles".
Senate Status 03/30/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 03/30/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9 and Title 67, relative to uncollectible accounts receivable.

SB2158 / HB2459 TCRS - use of emerging investment rs.

Category Public Employees
Sponsors Sen. Reginald Tate / Rep. Joe E. Armstrong
Description Requires TCRS board of trustees to ensure that at least 20 percent of total assets invested by outside investment rs be invested through emerging investment rs. Increases the amount of maximum portfolio to be considered an emerging investment r from \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000.
Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
House Status 03/23/2016 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee.

Executive Status 02/29/2016 - Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance released to standing committees with unfavorable comment.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 24; Title 8 and Title 9, relative to investment.

SB2176 / HB2419 Biennial budgets for certain local governments.

Category Local Government
Sponsors Sen. Ferrell Haile / Rep. Susan Lynn
Description Authorizes local governments issuing debt to prepare biennial budgets rather than annual budgets if the comptroller determines that the local governments have sufficient financial resources to more than adequately service their debts.
Amendment Senate amendment 1 (012324) deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes local governments to prepare a biennial budget rather than an annual budget if the Comptroller determines the local government has sufficient financial resources to more than adequately service its issued debt. Authorizes the Comptroller to revoke the authority of a municipality to submit a biennial budget at its discretion at any time for any reason. A municipality who is authorized by the Comptroller to submit a biennial budget, but that uses short-term financing to meet operating expenses that will not be paid off in the current fiscal year, will have its authority to submit a biennial budget automatically revoked. Requires a municipality operating under a biennial budget to submit any budget amendments adopted by the municipality and an y required reports to the Comptroller. Clarifies the term "biennial budget" to mean the adoption of two annual budgets every two years.
Fiscal Note (Dated February 4, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT
Senate Status 02/24/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.
House Status 03/07/2016 - House passed.
Executive Status 03/28/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0626 effective March 22, 2016.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 6 and Title 9, Chapter 21, relative to fiscal affairs of local governments.

SB2302 / HB1958 Cost of living salary increase for state employees.

Category Public Employees
Sponsors Sen. Sara Kyle / Rep. Bo Mitchell
Description Subject to annual appropriation, requires each state employee to receive 2.5 percent cost of living salary increase at the beginning of the next pay period following the employee's state employment anniversary date.
Senate Status 03/29/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 9,

relative to employee pay.

SB2320 / HB1671 Proceedings of local boards, commissions involving public employees.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors Sen. Sara Kyle / Rep. Mark White

Description Exempts municipalities organized under a home rule charter form of government from the requirement that municipal civil service boards must comply with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act when there are case hearings involving certain public employees.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 9, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 02/23/2016 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 03/02/2016 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 27, Chapter 9, relative to the proceedings of local boards and commissions involving public employees.

SB2339 / HB2349 Audit of TCRS board of trustees made available to general assembly.

Category Public Employees

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Kent Calfee

Description Requires a report of the quadrennial audit of the TCRS board of trustees to be available to members of the general assembly during business hours for inspection by any member and to be furnished upon request. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 27, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

Executive Status 03/07/2016 - Taken off notice in Joint Council on Pensions and Insurance.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 49, relative to retirement.

SB2346 / HB2128 Email communications policy on website of state agency.

Category Media & Publishing

Sponsors Sen. Steven Dickerson / Rep. Bryan Terry

Description Requires a state agency, institution, and political subdivision to post the electronic mail communications policy on the web site of the agency, institution, or political subdivision. Broadly captioned.

Fiscal Note (Dated January 31, 2016) NOT SIGNIFICANT

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

Status

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 4, Part 6 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to open records.

SB2426 / HB2115 Filings made electronically by candidates for local public office.

Category Campaigns & Lobbying

Sponsors Sen. Jeff Yarbrow / Rep. JoAnne Favors

Description Requires candidates for local public office with contributions or expenditures in excess of \$1,000 to file reports electronically with the registry of election finance beginning January 1, 2017.

Senate Status 01/25/2016 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status 01/27/2016 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to financial disclosures by candidates.

SB2427 / HB2215 Open data policy for state government.

Category Government Regulation

Sponsors Sen. Jeff Yarbrow / Rep. Jason Powell

Description Creates a task force to study the feasibility of state government utilizing an open data policy, similar to the policy enacted by the federal government pursuant to Executive Order of May 9, 2013, Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly by February 1, 2017.

Amendment Senate amendment 1 (012266) adds the Chief Data and Informatics Officer from the Department of Finance and Administration to the task force, thus increasing the task force from 10 to 11 members.

Fiscal Note (Dated February 14, 2016) Increase State Expenditures – \$1,700/Each One-Day Meeting

Senate Status 03/31/2016 - Senate passed with amendment 1.

House Status 04/19/2016 - House passed.

Executive Status 04/29/2016 - Enacted as Public Chapter 0994 effective April 27, 2016.

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 10 and Title 12, relative to open data.