

HOUSE BILL 509

By Boyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-108, relative to electronic participation by utilities board members.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-108(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(1) "Governing body" means:

(A) Boards, agencies, and commissions of state government, including state debt issuers;

(B) Municipal governing bodies;

(C) Utility districts created pursuant to title 7, chapter 82, or a public or private act; and

(D) Water, wastewater, and natural gas utility authorities created pursuant to title 68, chapter 221, part 6 or 13, or a public or private act;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-108(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() "Municipal governing bodies" means only those municipal governing bodies organized under title 6, chapter 18, and having a city commission of three (3) members, and having a population of more than two thousand five hundred (2,500), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-108(c)(6), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (c)(6)(A) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(6)(A), a member of a governing body as defined in subdivision (a)(1)(C) or (a)(1)(D) who participates in a meeting by electronic or other means of communication may receive any authorized meeting per diem or compensation for attending the meeting.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.