

HOUSE BILL 912

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 58, relative to executive orders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following section:

(a) The governor shall provide a copy of a federal executive order received from a president to the chair of the government operations committee of the house of representatives and the chair of the government operations committee of the senate immediately upon receipt of the executive order. The government operations committees shall meet jointly to determine if the executive order violates any state law or the state constitution.

(b) If the joint committee determines that the executive order does not violate state law or the state constitution, then no further action is required and the order is to be implemented.

(c) If the joint committee determines that the executive order violates state law or the state constitution, then the joint committee shall recommend to both houses to either jointly approve or disapprove of this state's compliance with the executive order through legislation to be scheduled for a vote at the earliest date the general assembly is in session.

(d) If the general assembly votes not to comply with the executive order, then the state and all political subdivisions thereof must adhere to the action taken.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.