

HOUSE BILL 1504

By Coleman

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 4; Title 8, Chapter 44 and Title 10,
Chapter 7, relative to open government.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 10-7-5__.

In the absence of actual malice, no person furnishing, disclosing, or requesting information pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to civil liability for libel, slander or any other cause of action arising from the furnishing, disclosing or requesting of such information. No person providing information pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to civil liability for any cause of action arising from the person's provision of requested information. Any person against whom any action is brought that is found to be immune from liability under this section shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the person who brought the action. This section does not abrogate or modify in any way any common law or statutory privilege or immunity heretofore enjoyed by any person.

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