



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 591

### SENATE BILL NO. 1934

By Swann, Stevens, Lundberg, Yager, Powers

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1838

By Boyd, Curcio, Marsh, Calfee, Moon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to connections of utility services and mechanical systems.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

#### **7-51-2101. Part definitions.**

As used in this part:

(1) "Policy" means an ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, or any other requirement imposed by a political subdivision of this state; and

(2) "Political subdivision" means a municipality; public corporation; body politic; authority; district; metropolitan government; county; agency, department, or board of the aforementioned entities; or any other form of local government.

#### **7-51-2102. Prohibited policies.**

(a) A political subdivision of this state shall not adopt a policy that prohibits, or has the effect of prohibiting, the connection or reconnection of a utility service based upon the type or source of energy to be delivered to an individual customer.

(b) This section does not limit the ability of a political subdivision:

(1) To choose utility services for properties owned by the political subdivision; or

(2) To comply with the terms and conditions of a contract between the political subdivision and the Tennessee valley authority.

#### **7-51-2103. Conflict with federal law.**

If this part conflicts with federal law requirements pertaining to the connection or reconnection of a utility service based upon the type or source of energy to be delivered to an individual customer, then the federal law controls.

SECTION 2. The headings to sections in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 9, 2020

  
Randy McNally  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
Cameron Sexton, Speaker  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

  
Bill Lee, GOVERNOR