



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 808

HOUSE BILL NO. 1884

By Representative Rudd

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1798

By Senator Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 16 and Title 54, Chapter 14, relative to easements on private property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-14-102(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following new subdivision:

(2) If a person who already possesses a private easement or right-of-way of less than twenty-five feet (25') granted pursuant to this chapter determines that additional land is needed for the purpose of extending utility lines, including, but not limited to, electric, natural gas, water, sewage, telephone, or cable television, to the enclosed land, then the person must file a new petition requesting additional land. Upon receipt of a petition requesting additional land for the extension of utility lines, the court may, upon a showing of good cause, grant the petitioner's request and direct a jury of view to lay off and mark an additional area for utility lines; provided, that the total private easement or right-of-way does not exceed fifteen feet (15') in counties with a metropolitan form of government or twenty-five feet (25') in all other areas.

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

