

HOUSE BILL 1898

By Tidwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
relative to the distribution of federal stimulus funds
for transportation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 54-1-137.

(a) In order to achieve a more equitable distribution of federal transportation stimulus funds for fiscal year 2009-2010 and to comply with the federal directive of giving aid and assistance to distressed counties, the department of transportation shall ensure that a share of federal transportation stimulus funds is allocated directly to the state's rural planning organizations (RPOs) in a proportional population-based ratio of funds allocated directly to the state's four (4) largest metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).

(b) To effectuate the purposes of subsection (a), for every duly organized RPO in this state, the department of transportation shall:

- (1) Determine the total amount of funds allocated for each of the four (4) largest MPOs;
- (2) Determine the population of each of the four (4) largest MPOs;
- (3) Determine which of the four (4) MPOs each RPO is nearest in mileage proximity;

(4) Determine the percentage amount that the total population of the RPO represents out of the total population of the MPO that the RPO is nearest in mileage proximity; and

(5) Ensure that the total funds allocated to the RPO is in direct proportion to the RPO's percentage of population of the MPO as determined in subdivision (b)(4).

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