

HOUSE BILL 2124

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 59;
Title 60; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to prohibiting
fracturing in Tennessee.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 60, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

60-1-107.

(a) As used in this section, "fracturing" means the process of pumping fluids, gas or other substances with or without a proppant down a well under pressure expressly designed to initiate and propagate fractures or fracture networks in the target producing formation to facilitate oil or gas extraction.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of titles 59, 60, 68 and 69, or any rule or regulation to the contrary, all fracturing in this state shall be prohibited as of January 1, 2016.

(c) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes this act shall take effect January 1, 2016.