

SENATE BILL 580

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 36, relative to broadband services
authorization.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-36-107, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c)

(1) Notwithstanding the territorial limitations set forth in subdivision (a)(6), an authority whose principal office is located within an eligible county may also provide the services permitted under § 7-52-601 within the portion of the eligible county that is outside of the authority's electric system service area if the authority obtains the consent of each telephone cooperative, electric cooperative, and municipal or other governmental electric system in whose territory the authority will provide those services.

(2) For purposes of this subsection (c), "eligible county" means a county with a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or less, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, that has also been designated as a tier 3 or tier 4 enhancement county pursuant to § 67-4-2109(a)(2) as of July 1 immediately prior to the date when the authority's board of directors approves the provision of services under this subsection (c).

(3) Except for the territorial limitations set forth in subdivision (a)(6), the authority's provision of services under this subsection (c) is otherwise subject to the requirements of subdivision (a)(6).

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