

SENATE BILL 894

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 70, relative to the wildlife resources agency.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-302(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b) The agency may enter into cooperative agreements with the United States Tennessee Valley authority, United States fish and wildlife service, national park service, United States forest service, or with any other federal agency, or with any state for the purpose of regulating fishing, hunting, or trapping in the area under jurisdiction of the federal agencies or the state or in interstate waters, as the case may be. The regulations become effective when they have been accepted by all parties to the agreement and as soon as forty-five (45) days have elapsed from the first publication of the regulations. Agreements involving reciprocal actions relative to wildlife violations become effective forty-five (45) days after publication in the same manner as is required for proclamations.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-307(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a) It is the duty of the executive director, on or before September 30 of each year, to prepare and present to the governor and each member of the fish and wildlife commission an annual report showing what has been expended by the agency during the year immediately preceding, the amount of monies received and from what source, and the amount expended and for what purposes.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.