

SENATE BILL 1177

By Barnes

AN ACT relative to emergency services.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) This section applies to any paid person of a regularly constituted fire department, and emergency medical services personnel in any municipality, city, county, or political subdivision within the state.

(b) A municipality, city, county, or political subdivision of the state may privatize fire protection, emergency medical services, or related services only if a majority of voters in the municipality, city, county, or political subdivision of the state authorize such action.

(c) The ballots of submission shall be in the following forms, as applicable:

Shall the [insert name of municipality, city, county, or political subdivision] contract with a private company for the provision of fire protection services?

Yes _____ No _____

Shall the [insert name of municipality, city, county, or political subdivision] contract with a private company for the provision of emergency medical services?

Yes _____ No _____

(d) This section does not affect current contracts with private companies for the provision of fire protection services, emergency medical services, or related services in a

municipality, city, county, or political subdivision which are in existence on the date this act is effective.

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