

SENATE BILL 1377

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 65 and Title 68,
relative to utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-114, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The authority has the power, after hearing, upon notice, by order in writing, to require every public utility, as defined in § 65-4-101, to:

- (1) Furnish safe, adequate, and proper service and to keep and maintain its property and equipment in such condition as to enable it to do so; and
- (2) Establish, construct, maintain, and operate any reasonable extension of its existing facilities where, in the judgment of the authority, such extension is reasonable and practicable, and will furnish sufficient business to justify the construction, operation, and maintenance of the same, and when the financial condition of the public utility affected reasonably warrants the original expenditure required in making such extension, or to abandon any service when, in the judgment of the authority, the persons currently receiving service no longer require such service.

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