

SENATE BILL 1495

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 52, Part 1 and Title 7, Chapter 52, Part 6,
relative to municipal authority to provide services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-601(a), is amended by deleting the word "Each" and substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2), each" and by designating the existing language as subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-601(a), is further amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) A municipal electric system on behalf of its municipality acting through the authorization of the board or supervisory body having responsibility for the municipal electric plant, sometimes referred to as "governing board" in this part, is authorized to provide cable service, two-way video transmission, video programming, Internet services, or any other like service within any area that is no more than ten (10) miles beyond the outer perimeter of the municipal electric system's service area.

SECTION 3. The authorization provided in Section 2 of this act supplements the authorization granted to municipal electric systems operation pursuant to § 7-52-601 on the effective date of this act, and the authorization granted to municipal electric systems having received approval pursuant to § 7-52-602 as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.