

SENATE BILL 1919

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-20-202, relative to redevelopment projects.

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to systematically fight urban blight and dilapidation the legislature authorized the creation of redevelopment projects and the use of tax increment financing for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of redevelopment projects serves a vital and broad public purpose; and

WHEREAS, current state law relative to demolition, relocation, remediation, installation, construction, reconstruction and spending powers of housing authorities, community development agencies, and development authorities when undertaking redevelopment projects was last amended in 1998; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update current state law relative to such powers in order to encourage the use of sustainable infrastructure, energy efficiency technologies, green building and other modern practices that will benefit a district; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-20-202(a), is amended by deleting subdivisions (C) and (D) in subdivision (4) and by substituting instead the following:

(C) Install, construct, or reconstruct parks, public open spaces, public playgrounds, pedestrian ways and all parking structures regardless of use in accordance with a redevelopment plan;

(D) Pay expenses for relocation, administrative costs, planning and engineering costs, energy efficiency costs and legal expenses associated with exercising the powers granted in this section or with carrying out a redevelopment plan;

(E) Pay LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) design costs, commissioning costs, costs of required documentation to meet LEED or other similar programs, and fees associated with commissioning, as well as greening costs and energy modeling costs for LEED certification or similar programs of both new construction, existing buildings and other projects;

(F) Install, construct, add to, improve or reconstruct public infrastructure, including but not limited to water, solid waste, transportation, telecommunication, energy use capture and transmittal, power systems, and alternative power systems or alternate power projects that incorporate principles of urban sustainability, eco-efficiency, and global sustainable development; and

(G) Take all other necessary actions designed to further the goals and local objectives articulated in the redevelopment plan.

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