



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 856

HOUSE BILL NO. 2116

By Representative Windle

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2082

By Senator Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 11 and Title 13, relative to the creation of the futuristic green City of JustBeGreen.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this act is to create a development area designated for sustainable living and sustainable economic development, including, but not limited to, the development of sustainable technologies, products, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the development area will be managed by an authority with a voting board for the purpose of designating such development area as the City of JustBeGreen, within which will be located the largest greenhouse on planet Earth and an aquaponics park; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, is amended by adding the following new chapter:

### **7-91-101.**

An area of property meeting the following description may be deemed, in accordance with this chapter, the JustBeGreen Villages of America development area, and the future site of an agricultural and educational based development supported by state-of-the-art smart technologies to be known as JustBeGreen Villages of America, for purposes of sustainable living and sustainable economic development, including, but not limited to, the development of sustainable technologies, products, and agriculture:

(1) The property is located in a county with a population of not less than twenty-one thousand nine hundred (21,900) and not more than twenty-two thousand (22,000), according to the 2010 or any subsequent federal census; and

(2) The property consists of not less than two thousand (2,000) contiguous acres.

### **7-91-102.**

(a) One (1) or more property owners of property within an area described under § 7-91-101 may petition the county commission to be deemed the JustBeGreen Villages of America development area.

(b) For purposes of filing a petition under subsection (a), property owners shall provide to the county commission:

(1) A description of all property to be included in the proposed development area;

(2) The identity of each property owner filing the petition; and

(3) A description of the proposed development and its purpose and land uses within the development area.

(c) Upon receipt of a petition, the county commission may adopt a resolution:

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(1) Designating the area described in the petition as the JustBeGreen Villages of America development area; and

(2) Authorizing the area to be referred to as JustBeGreen Villages of America.

**7-91-103.**

The JustBeGreen Villages of America development area, designated JustBeGreen Villages of America in accordance with this chapter, is not a municipality for purposes of this code, and does not have the corporate powers and authority of a municipality under this code.

**7-91-104.**

This chapter is repealed on July 1, 2026.

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

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PASSED: April 19, 2018

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2018

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR