HOUSE BILL 2541 By Marsh

## SENATE BILL 2424

## By Walley

## AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13, Chapter 3; Title 13, Chapter 4 and Title 13, Chapter 7, relative to energy infrastructure improvements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE: SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-101, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(c)

(1) If a county does not have county zoning, then the county mayor may enter into a voluntary agreement for energy infrastructure improvements for clean or renewable energy, as those terms are defined in § 7-51-2401, in the county. The county legislative body must pass a resolution by two-thirds (2/3) vote authorizing the county mayor to enter into the agreement. The voluntary agreement may impose reasonable terms and conditions for the improvements.

(2) Upon entering into the voluntary agreement under subdivision (c)(1), the contracting entity is entitled to the benefits of a vested property right subject to the restrictions of § 13-3-413.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-105, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d)

(1) If a county has county zoning, then the county mayor may enter into a voluntary agreement for energy infrastructure improvements for clean or renewable energy, as those terms are defined in § 7-51-2401, in the county. The

county legislative body must authorize the county mayor, under the process outlined in this section, to enter into the agreement. The voluntary agreement may impose reasonable terms and conditions for the improvements.

(2) Upon entering into the voluntary agreement under subdivision (d)(1),
the contracting entity is entitled to the benefits of a vested property right subject
to the restrictions of § 13-3-413.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-203, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d)

(1) Upon meeting the notice and hearing requirements of this section, a mayor for a municipality or metropolitan government may enter into a voluntary agreement for energy infrastructure improvements for clean or renewable energy, as those terms are defined in § 7-51-2401, in the municipality or metropolitan government. The voluntary agreement may impose reasonable terms and conditions for such improvements.

(2) Upon entering into the voluntary agreement under subdivision (d)(1), the contracting entity is entitled to the benefits of a vested property right subject to the restrictions of § 13-4-310.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect on July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.