

SENATE BILL 2524

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-302, relative to utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-302(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(5) Powers relating to natural gas include the power, together with all powers incidental to that power or necessary for the performance of that power, acting by resolution of its governing body to purchase natural gas by contract or other agreement from a public corporation that is created under the authority of a contiguous state and that is similar to an energy acquisition corporation, as defined in § 7-39-102. A utility district has the power to enter into a contract or arrangement, including contracts to take or pay for any gas or gas substitutes, with such a public corporation created under the authority of a contiguous state. The contract or arrangement must contain the terms, covenants, representations, warranties, provisions, and duration as the governing body of the utility district determines.

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