

SENATE BILL 2627

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 56, Part 1 and Title 54, Chapter 4, relative to transportation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 56, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Each transportation authority shall issue a written report detailing plans or initiatives to maximize system access and service to economically disadvantaged areas within the authority's system by July 1, 2019.

(b) Each transportation authority shall hold at least three (3) public meetings in economically disadvantaged areas within the authority's system to solicit community input on the development of plans or initiatives to maximize system access and service.

(c) The final report must be posted on the website of the transit authority with paper copies available upon request.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "project" means a municipal transportation project planned or proposed by a municipality, or the appropriate municipal department, prior to January 1, 1990.

(b) A municipality receiving street aid funds under this part must reassess each project by January 1, 2020, and, if determined to be in the best interest of the community, prioritize the completion of the project by January 1, 2025. The municipality,

or appropriate municipal department, shall hold at least one (1) public meeting during the reassessment process in the general area of each project.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.