

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 270

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of R. Larry Smith to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, provides for the creation of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(a), further provides that the governor shall appoint nine (9) members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed R. Larry Smith to serve on the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to represent the 2nd District; and

WHEREAS, subject to confirmation, Mr. Smith will serve a term on the commission that commences on March 1, 2023, and expires on February 28, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is well informed on the subject of the conservation of game animals, birds, and fish within this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science; and

WHEREAS, although he currently works as an insurance agency director for the firm he founded in 1980, Mr. Smith previously worked for the TWRA for three years in the Fisheries Division and for one year in the Statewide Public Information & Education Division, and he taught hunter safety courses to more than 500 students; and

WHEREAS, he also worked for the TVA Fisheries & Wildlife Management Division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith served two terms as vice chairman for the Knox County Commission and has further served as a member of the boards of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Knoxville, the American Red Cross, Truist Bank, and the American Cancer Society, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's experience and dedication to wildlife and conservation issues would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that the members appointed to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission by the governor shall be confirmed by the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of R. Larry Smith to a six-year term on the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission, such term to expire on February 28, 2029.