

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1071

HOUSE BILL NO. 3446

By Representatives Yokley, Marsh, Litz

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3215

By Senators Burks, Finney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 65, relative to utilities and utility districts.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study the feasibility of providing relief to senior citizens by freezing or capping their utility rates.

SECTION 2. The special joint committee shall consist of the following eight (8) members:

Three (3) members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house;

Three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

One (1) member of the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations, to be appointed by the chair of TACIR; and

One (1) member of the utility management review board, to be appointed by the chair of the board.

SECTION 3. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 4. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly. Non-legislative members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 5. The special joint committee shall only meet on days when the house of representatives and the senate are otherwise meeting in session or committee.

SECTION 6. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 7. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the one hundred seventh general assembly no later than February 1, 2011, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 9, 2010



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of June 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR