

HOUSE BILL 601

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 7; Title 64; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to
utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 36, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Authority" means an authority created pursuant to this chapter that is owned or operated by a municipality located within this state;

(2) "Healthcare facility" means a hospital licensed under title 33 or title 68; and

(3) "Load management" means the process of balancing the supply of electricity on a network, or in a system, by adjusting or controlling the load rather than the power station output.

(b) An authority providing electric services shall prioritize the provision of electric services to a healthcare facility when engaging in load management for the electric service system.

(c) The comptroller of the treasury shall enforce this section and may promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this section. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Electric utility" means a public utility that provides electricity;

(2) "Healthcare facility" means a hospital licensed under title 33 or title 68; and

(3) "Load management" means the process of balancing the supply of electricity on a network, or in a system, by adjusting or controlling the load rather than the power station output.

(b) An electric utility shall prioritize the provision of electric services to healthcare facilities when engaging in load management for the electric service system.

(c) The commission shall enforce this section and may promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this section. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 25, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Electric utility" means a cooperative that provides electricity;

(2) "Healthcare facility" means a hospital licensed under title 33 or title 68; and

(3) "Load management" means the process of balancing the supply of electricity on a network, or in a system, by adjusting or controlling the load rather than the power station output.

(b) An electric utility shall prioritize the provision of electric services to healthcare facilities when engaging in load management for the electric service system.

(c) The comptroller of the treasury shall enforce this section and may promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this section. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.