

HOUSE BILL 814

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3 and  
Title 9, relative to state budget procedure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following language as a section:

3-2-113.

(a) Prior to passage of the annual appropriation bill in the house finance, ways and means committee, the committee officers shall meet to determine each item readily identifiable as impacting only a single representative district. The committee chair shall cause to be prepared individual single district amendments to the appropriation bill for each item so identified. Single district amendments may be considered as individual amendments to the annual appropriation bill in the full house finance, ways and means committee. Single district amendments shall not be combined with other amendments. Single district amendments shall be adopted if approved by a majority vote of the house finance, ways and means committee, and shall be reported with the bill as individual amendments in a manner otherwise consistent with the rules of order of the house of representatives. Single district amendments shall only be adopted by a roll call vote.

(b) Prior to passage of the annual appropriation bill in the senate finance, ways and means committee, the committee officers shall meet to determine each item readily identifiable as impacting only a single senatorial district. The committee chair shall cause to be prepared individual single district amendments

to the appropriation bill for each item so identified. Single district amendments may be considered as individual amendments to the annual appropriation bill in the full senate finance, ways and means committee. Single district amendments shall not be combined with other amendments. Single district amendments shall be adopted if approved by a majority vote consisting of not less than six (6) affirmative votes of the members of the senate finance, ways and means committee, and shall be reported with the bill as individual amendments in a manner otherwise consistent with the rules of order of the senate. Single district amendments shall only be adopted by a roll call vote.

(c)

(1) At the time of third and final consideration of the annual appropriation bill by each house, each single district amendment considered shall be adopted if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members to which each house is entitled.

(2) No single district amendment shall be considered on the floor unless it has been previously adopted by a finance, ways and means committee.

(3) For the purposes of this subsection (c), a house has complied with the requirements of this subsection if, upon a motion to conform and substitute, the house acts upon the bill then before it; provided that any single district amendment reported from such house's finance, ways and means committee may also be considered on the companion bill and adopted if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members to which such house is entitled.

(4) After consideration of all single district amendments and any additional amendments, the annual appropriation bill, as amended, shall be approved upon a majority vote of the members to which each house is entitled.

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