



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 765

SENATE BILL NO. 1490

By Rose, Lowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 899

By Hurt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 2; Title 9; Title 12; Title 43; Title 49; Title 67 and Title 70, relative to agricultural land owned by the state.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) If the wildlife resources agency contracts with a farmer to farm lands owned or under the control of this state under § 70-1-302(a)(6) or another law, not less than sixty (60) days before the expiration of the contract, the agency shall offer the farmer the opportunity to renegotiate the contract with the agency prior to accepting requests for proposals for the contract.

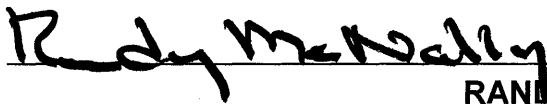
(b) If the farmer and the agency agree to renew the contract, then the farmer may renew the contract for an additional three (3) five-year terms if the farmer and agency are able to agree to terms during each renewal period; provided, that, if the farmer has been under contract with the agency for twenty (20) or more consecutive years, upon the expiration of the next term of the contract, the farmer is not entitled to renegotiate the contract with the agency prior to the agency accepting requests for proposals for the contract.

(c) Subsection (b) does not prohibit a farmer from bidding on a contract after being under contract with the agency for twenty (20) or more consecutive years.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to contracts executed, amended, or renewed on or after such date.

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PASSED: April 10, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR