

HOUSE BILL 1978

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AN ACT to enact the Local Government Electronic  
Technology Act of 2009.

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

SECTION 1. In order to encourage local governments in Tennessee to utilize current electronic technology to perform the business functions of their offices, to ensure the best possible stewardship of public funds and to maintain adequate internal controls, there is hereby created the "Local Government Electronic Technology Act of 2009."

As used in this Act the term "local government" means any county, metropolitan government, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state.

Local governments are encouraged to use current electronic technology to perform the business functions of their offices. Prior to any local government implementing new electronic technology associated with the disbursement of public funds; purchasing; or the sale of local government assets; or the collection of various taxes, fines, fees or payments; the local government shall file a plan with the comptroller of the treasury for comments. The plan shall be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation. The plan shall contain the following information:

- (1) A description of the business process and the technology to be utilized;
- (2) A description of the policies and procedures related to the implementation of the electronic technology;
- (3) Documentation of internal controls that will ensure the integrity of the business process; and
- (4) The estimated implementation cost and a statement as to whether the implementation of the new electronic technology will be implemented within the existing

operating resources of the office or indicate prior approval of the governing body if additional operating resources are needed.

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