

HOUSE BILL 2302

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 23, relative to the Tennessee residence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 23, is amended by adding
SECTION 2 – SECTION 5 of this Act as an appropriately designated new Part.

SECTION 2. This part shall be known and may be cited as the “Tennessee Residence
Commission Act of 2009”.

SECTION 3.

(a)

(1) There is hereby created the Tennessee residence commission, which shall be composed of five voting, ex-officio members, as follows: the governor, the first spouse, the commissioner of general services, the state architect, and the chair of the Tennessee historical commission or their respective designees.

(2) The commission membership shall also include four (4) private citizens appointed by the governor to staggered terms of four (4) years. In appointing private citizens to serve on the Tennessee residence commission, the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) such citizen serving on the commission is sixty (60) years of age or older and that at least one (1) such citizen serving on the commission is a member of a racial minority and that at least one such citizen is a resident of the City of Oak Hill.

(b) The governor shall appoint a chair from among the full membership of the commission.

(c) All members shall serve without compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 4.

(a) The Tennessee residence commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Formulate and develop a plenary master plan and program for the adaptive restoration and preservation of the Tennessee residence, including the building and contiguous grounds;

(2) Consistent with the master plan required in subdivision (a)(1), establish policies governing any improvements, alterations, repairs, replacements, or reconstruction of the residence, its appurtenant buildings, and its grounds, including furniture and fixtures;

(3) Establish rules and policies governing the acquisition of furniture and fixtures, including but not limited to carpets, rugs, paintings, draperies, and objects of art, for the public quarters of the residence;

(4) Establish rules and policies to ensure that the private quarters of the executive residence are maintained appropriately;

(5) Establish rules and policies governing maintenance of the Tennessee residence; and

(6) Establish rules and policies governing the use of the Tennessee residence for any nongovernmental activities.

SECTION 5.

(a) The department of general services, the state museum, the Tennessee historical society, and the office of the state architect shall provide appropriate staff assistance to the Tennessee residence commission.

(b) In addition, the commission has the authority to contract pursuant to state law for the services of experts and specialists in the area of adaptive restoration and preservation of historic buildings. All contracts shall be executed by the commissioner of finance and administration, with the approval of the comptroller of the treasury and the attorney general and reporter; provided, that design and construction contracts are subject to the approval of the state building commission.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.