

HOUSE BILL 2508

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64,
Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to the Greater Nashville
regional council.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-102(8)(B)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "executive committee" wherever it appears and substituting the language "regional council".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-103, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) The regional council is composed of and governed by the following:

(1) The county mayor or county executive of each county within the region;

(2) The mayor of each municipality within the region;

(3) The chief elected official of any metropolitan government within the region;

(4) One (1) representative from an agency or organization involved with issues of economic development appointed by the county mayor, county executive, or metropolitan mayor from each of the regional council's member counties;

(5) One (1) member of the senate, selected from and by those senators whose districts are wholly or in part within the region;

(6) One (1) member of the house of representatives, selected from and by those representatives whose districts are wholly or in part within the region; and

(7) One (1) minority representative with knowledge of issues related to social equity and inclusion, appointed by the county mayor, county executive, or metropolitan mayor from each of the regional council's member counties.

(b)

(1) The terms of office of the regional council are as follows:

(A) The member of the senate and member of the house of representatives serve on the council for two (2) years or until they are no longer members of the general assembly, whichever occurs first;

(B) All members who serve on the regional council pursuant to subdivisions (a)(1)-(3) serve until they cease to occupy the elected position entitling them to membership; and

(C) All members of the regional council who are appointed by an elected official serve for four (4) years or until the expiration of the term of the official by whom such representative was appointed, whichever occurs first.

(2) Members may be reappointed.

(c)

(1) The four (4) officers of the regional council include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and treasurer who are elected annually from and by the regional council membership at the annual meeting, and a secretary who is the person serving as executive director of the regional council.

(2) The officers serve a one-year term and may be reelected to additional terms.

(3) A vacancy created by the resignation, death, permanent disability, or removal of an officer must be filled by a vote of the board of directors for the unexpired term of the officer for the office that was vacated.

(d) The regional council shall meet at least annually at a time and place to be determined by the secretary of the regional council in consultation with the board of directors. The first annual meeting each year must be held for the purpose of electing officers, reviewing programs of the council, adopting work programs and budgets, and other matters necessary to ensure the operation of the regional council.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-104, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) At the annual meeting, the regional council shall appoint a board of directors to be the administrative body of the regional council that is authorized by the regional council to act in its stead.

(b) The membership and term of office of the board of directors are set by the organizational bylaws.

(c) In determining membership on the board of directors, the regional council shall ensure at least one (1) local government within each of the counties is represented by the council.

(d) The regional council officers serve as officers to the board of directors.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-106, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

It is the intent of the state to assist financially with the development of powers and functions of the regional council and for the coordination of activities under this

chapter. Funding is provided to the regional council in the amount and in the manner provided for in § 13-14-111 but is not limited to such funding.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-107, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

The regional council is subject to the reporting and auditing requirements of § 13-14-112.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-108, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

Funds appropriated to implement this chapter are subject to the requirements of § 13-14-113.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-109, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

Any regional council member, employee, officer, or other authorized person who receives public funds or has access to public funds is required to give a bond in accordance with § 13-14-114.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-110, is amended by deleting the language "executive committee" wherever it appears and substituting the language "board of directors".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-110, is amended by deleting the language "executive committee's" wherever it appears and substituting the language "board of directors".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 64-7-111(8), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(8) Only duly appointed members of the regional council or board of directors, or persons duly designated pursuant to § 6-54-112 or the regional council's organizational bylaws, may vote.

SECTION 11. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.