

HOUSE BILL 2929

By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 126 of the Private Acts of 1967; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the City of Franklin.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Private Acts of 1967, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Article II, Section 1 by deleting Subsection (10) and substituting instead the following:

(10) Make contracts with any person, firm, association, or corporation, for public utilities and public services to be furnished to the city and those therein. Such power to make contracts shall embrace the power, expressly conferred, to make exclusive contracts; and when an exclusive contract is entered into, it shall be exclusive not only against any other person, firm, association, or corporation, but also as against the city itself. Such contracts may be entered into for the period of thirty (30) years or less, but no longer. When deemed appropriate, lease agreements for real property owned by the City may be entered into for a period of up to fifty (50) years or less. The Council may prescribe in each such contract entered into, the rates, fares, charges, and regulations that may be made by the person, firm, association, or corporation with whom the contract is made. Such contracts may by their terms apply to the territory within the corporate limits of the city at the date of the contract, and as said corporate limits thereafter may be enlarged; and to the then existing streets, alleys, and thoroughfares and to any other streets, alleys, and other thoroughfares that thereafter may be opened .

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Franklin. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.