



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1004

SENATE BILL NO. 129

By Walley, Yager, Jackson, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 526

By Haston, Gant, Moody, Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 3, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The comptroller of the treasury, in determining whether a utility system is financially distressed, as defined in § 7-82-401(f)(3) and described in § 7-82-703, shall not consider the straight-line depreciation of an asset acquired or completed in the twelve (12) calendar months preceding the audit, so long as the asset's depreciation is calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(b) This section only applies to the determination of whether a utility system is financially distressed as defined in § 7-82-401(f)(3) and described in § 7-82-703. A utility system's financial statements must still be completed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

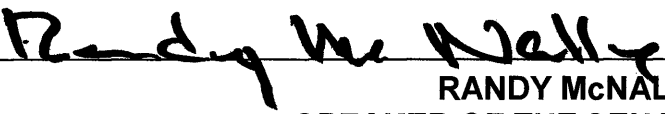
(c) For the purposes of this section, "utility system" has the same meaning as in § 7-82-701.

(d) This section only applies if it is approved by a simple majority vote of the governing body of a utility system at a meeting of the governing body.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 24, 2024




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR