

SENATE BILL 1013

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3 and
Title 4, relative to legislative review.

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

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

(a)

(1) There is created the committee on federalism, which consists of the
following ten (10) members:

(A) The speakers of the senate and the house of representatives,
who serve as cochairs of the committee;

(B) Four (4) members from the senate as appointed by the
speaker of the senate, one (1) of whom is a member of the minority party;
and

(C) Four (4) members from the house of representatives as
appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one (1) of
whom is a member of the minority party.

(2) The speakers shall appoint members based on knowledge of and
experience with the United States' and this state's constitutions.

(3) The committee is authorized to receive input, advice, and assistance
from interested and affected parties who are not members of the general
assembly.

(b) The committee shall monitor and review federal acts, laws, orders, and regulations that may impact the jurisdiction, governance, and sovereignty of this state. The committee shall evaluate whether those federal acts, laws, orders, and regulations are authorized by the United States constitution or if they violate the principles of federalism. The committee shall, from time to time, advise the general assembly of its findings and recommendations.

(c) The committee shall meet at least twice a year and may be called for special meetings by the cochair of the committee. Six (6) members constitutes a quorum. Members of the committee serve without additional compensation but, when engaged in the conduct of their official duties, are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the uniform regulations promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(d) At the discretion of the cochair, the committee may participate by electronic or other means of communication as authorized by law for the benefit of the public and the committee in connection with any meeting authorized by law.

(e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the committee, acting through the cochair, may utilize staff and resources within state government.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.