

SENATE BILL 1596

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68
and Title 69, relative to groundwater.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of environment and conservation is directed to combine the water quality control board and the division of ground water protection into a single managed board, with authority over all functions of such entities as provided in title 68 and title 69.

SECTION 2. For the sake of efficiency, the commissioner shall devise a plan for the merger of the water quality control board and the division of ground water protection, and submit such plan to the general assembly no later than September 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. The commissioner shall have until January 1, 2010, to effectuate the merger as prescribed in this act.

SECTION 4. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.