

SENATE BILL 1694

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64,
Chapter 1, relative to River Basin Development
Authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Beech River watershed development authority shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) Beech River watershed development authority employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307; provided, that such employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The Beech River watershed development authority shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the Beech River watershed development authority or that the Beech River watershed development authority is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The Beech River watershed development authority shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing the Beech River watershed development authority to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Chickasaw basin authority shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) Chickasaw basin authority employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307; provided, that such employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The Chickasaw basin authority shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the Chickasaw basin authority or that the Chickasaw basin authority is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The Chickasaw basin authority shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing the Chickasaw basin authority to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Sequatchie Valley planning and development agency shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) Sequatchie Valley planning and development agency employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307;

provided, that such employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The Sequatchie Valley planning and development agency shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the Sequatchie Valley planning and development agency or that the Sequatchie Valley planning and development agency is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The Sequatchie Valley planning and development agency shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing Sequatchie Valley planning and development agency to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Tennessee Duck River development agency shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) Tennessee Duck River development agency employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307; provided, that such employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The Tennessee Duck River development agency shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the Tennessee

Duck River development agency, or that the Tennessee Duck River development agency is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The Tennessee Duck River development agency shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing the Tennessee Duck River development agency to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 7, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Tellico Reservoir development agency shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) Tellico Reservoir development agency employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307; provided, that such employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The Tellico Reservoir development agency shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the Tellico Reservoir development agency, or that the Tellico Reservoir development agency is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The Tellico Reservoir development agency shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing the Tellico Reservoir development agency to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Carroll County watershed authority shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) Carroll County watershed authority employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307; provided, that such employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The Carroll County watershed authority shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the Carroll County watershed authority, or that the Carroll County watershed authority is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The Carroll County watershed authority shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing the Carroll County watershed authority to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 9, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307; provided, that such employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority, or that the West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 12, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The Bledsoe Regional Water Authority shall be considered a state agency for purposes of title 9, chapter 8, parts 3 and 4.

(b) Bledsoe Regional Water Authority employees shall be considered state employees for purposes of §§ 8-42-103, 9-8-112 and 9-8-307; provided, that such

employees shall not be considered state employees for workers' compensation coverage, pursuant to § 9-8-307(a)(1)(K).

(c) The Bledsoe Regional Water Authority shall have the authority to participate in the department of treasury's property/casualty risk program pursuant to title 12, chapter 4, part 10, for all buildings and building contents owned by the Bledsoe Regional Water Authority, or that the Bledsoe Regional Water Authority is contractually obligated to insure.

(d) The Bledsoe Regional Water Authority shall pay to the state, as a premium, any contribution required by the risk management fund under this section.

(e) No statutory or other provision authorizing the Bledsoe Regional Water Authority to sue and be sued shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall incur no additional liability as a result of this section.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.