

SENATE BILL 1984

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,
Chapter 17, Part 1, relative to eminent domain.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-17-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2) "Public use" does not include recreational facilities, recreational purposes, or parks; private use or benefit; or the indirect public benefits resulting from private economic development and private commercial enterprise, including increased tax revenue and increased employment opportunity, except as follows:

(A) The acquisition of any interest in land necessary for a road, highway, bridge, or other structure, facility, or project used for public transportation;

(B) The acquisition of any interest in land necessary to the function of a public or private utility, a governmental or quasi-governmental utility, a common carrier, or any entity authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain under title 65;

(C) The acquisition of property by a housing authority or community development agency to implement an urban renewal or redevelopment plan in a blighted area, as authorized by title 13, chapter 20, part 2 or title 13, chapter 21, part 2; or

(D) Private use that is merely incidental to a public use, so long as no land is condemned or taken primarily for the purpose of conveying or permitting the incidental private use.

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