

SENATE BILL 2654

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-3-210, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) For the purpose of contributing to the expenses and compensation of the auditors, each county shall pay into the office of the comptroller of the treasury, on or before June 30 of each year, the same to be paid into the state treasury by the comptroller of the treasury, an amount to be determined on the basis of thirty-six cents (36¢) for each person in the county as shown by the population of the county under the last or any future federal census.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2017, and using that year as a base, the foregoing thirty-six cents (36¢) shall be annually increased by three percent (3%), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest one cent (1¢). However, the comptroller of the treasury may, at the comptroller's discretion, reduce the amount required to be paid under this section when the work performed justifies the reduction.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

**4-11-113.**

(a) There is hereby created a special agency account in the state general fund known as the historic property land acquisition fund. Expenditures from such fund shall be made only to implement and carry out the purposes set forth in subsection (b). Funds deposited in such fund shall not revert at the end of any fiscal year, and all interest accruing on investments and deposits of the fund not otherwise expended shall be returned to and made a part of the fund.

(b) The historical commission shall expend the funds which are deposited in the historic property land acquisition fund only for the acquisition of land for any area designated as an historic place as evidenced by its inclusion on the national register of historic places or the Tennessee register of historic places, or any other area of historic significance as approved by majority vote of the entire membership of the commission, and for the acquisition of easements to protect the historic areas. Such funds may also be used for capital projects, including improvements and maintenance, of properties previously acquired, and for capital grants to other historic properties not owned or operated by the state.

(c) No funds deposited in the historic property land acquisition fund shall be obligated or expended to acquire any interest in real property through condemnation of the power or eminent domain.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-409, is amended by inserting the following new subsection (m) and re-numbering existing subsection (m) and all remaining subsections accordingly:

(m) Transfers to Other Funds. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-2016 and in each subsequent fiscal year, fifty percent (50%) of the total growth in collections of the tax levied by subsection (a) over the previous fiscal year and deposited to the funds enumerated in subsections (g), (i), (j), and (l) shall be transferred and credited as follows:

(1) Sixty-four percent (64%) of the growth funds shall be transferred and credited to the Tennessee Civil War or War Between the States site preservation fund created by § 4-11-112, to be used exclusively as provided in § 4-11-112; and

(2) Thirty-six percent (36%) of the growth funds shall be transferred and credited to historic property land acquisition fund created by § 4-11-113, to be used exclusively as provided in § 4-11-113.

SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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