

CHAPTER NO. 318

SENATE BILL NO. 1090

By Fowler

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1185

By Vincent, Gresham, Clem

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 28, relative to landlords and tenants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 28, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

66-28-521. If a written rental agreement requires the tenant to have utility services placed in the tenant's name and the tenant fails to do so within ten (10) days of occupancy of the rented premises, the landlord may have such utility services terminated if the existing utility service is in the name of the landlord. The provisions of this section shall not apply unless the landlord has exercised the right to terminate utility services within forty-five (45) days of occupancy by the tenant.

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

PASSED: May 27, 2003


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2003


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR