

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 356**

**By Mr. Speaker Ramsey; Senators Crowe, Kyle**

A RESOLUTION to confirm appointment of Dr. Kenneth C. Hill of Blountville, Tennessee as an interim director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, § 65-1-101, creates the Tennessee Regulatory Authority as a separate and independent agency with jurisdiction over certain utility services, including telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, § 65-1-101, designates the Speaker of the Senate as sole appointing authority for one of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's four (4) directorships; and

WHEREAS, following his election as secretary of state on January 15, 2009, the Senate Speaker's appointee, Tre Hargett, resigned as director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; and

WHEREAS, § 65-1-101, requires that a vacancy occurring while the general assembly is in session must be confirmed by joint resolution adopted prior to the commencement of the term of office; and

WHEREAS, subject to timely confirmation by the general assembly, the Speaker of the Senate has appointed Dr. Kenneth C. Hill to serve as an interim director of the authority for the balance of the unexpired term vacated by Tre Hargett: such term of service to commence on July 1, 2009, and expire on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth C. Hill of Blountville, Tennessee, is the founder of the Appalachian Educational Communication Corporation as well as a radio station owner, businessman, published author and clergyman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that each house hereby confirms the Senate Speaker's appointment of Dr. Kenneth C. Hill of Blountville, Tennessee, to serve as an interim director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for the balance of the unexpired term recently vacated by the resignation of Tre Hargett: such interim term of service to commence on July 1, 2009, and expire on June 30, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and to the Secretary of State.

**ADOPTED: June 4, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED: June 9, 2009**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR