



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 998

SENATE BILL NO. 2243

By McNally, Tracy

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2156

By Durham, Dean, Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 54; Title 64 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-56-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no local government or any transit authority created by any local government shall construct, maintain or operate any bus rapid transit system using a separate lane, or other separate right-of-way, dedicated to the use of such bus rapid transit system on any state highway or state highway right-of-way unless the project to construct, maintain or operate such bus rapid transit system on the state highway or state highway right-of-way is approved by the governing body of the local government and by the commissioner of the department of transportation. Prior to approval of the project, the commissioner of transportation shall provide written notice of any such proposed project to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the chair of the transportation and safety committee of the senate, and the chair of the transportation committee of the house of representatives. In addition, any bus rapid transit system using a separate lane, or other separate right-of-way, dedicated to the use of such bus rapid transit system on any state highway or state highway right-of-way shall be subject to the approval of the general assembly in the annual appropriations act if any state agency proposes to assist in funding the project with state or federal-aid funds; or, in the absence of any such proposed funding, the project shall be subject to approval by the general assembly as evidenced by the passage of a joint resolution originating in either house.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2014



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR