



Tennessee State Capitol Commission

Policy for Use of the Tennessee State Capitol Building and Grounds

Adopted June 2, 1998

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-8-302

WHEREAS, the State Capitol Commission is charged with establishing policy governing the use of the State Capitol for any non-governmental activities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Capitol Commission recognize the need to preserve and protect the dignity and historical ambiance of the State Capitol Building and grounds; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Capitol Commission have determined that policy governing the use of the Capitol must be flexible, while supporting the building's primary function which is to house State offices for business purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following policy is hereby adopted to govern the use of the State Capitol and grounds for non-governmental activities:

The State Capitol Building and its grounds may be used for non-governmental activities so long as such use is not destructive to the fabric of the Capitol Building or its contents, does not interfere with the official business of the State which is conducted in the building and such use is civic, cultural or educational in nature and is consistent with the dignity and historical ambiance of the building and the grounds.

Any person or group desiring to use any portion of the State Capitol Building or its grounds for a non-governmental purpose shall make a written request to the State Capitol Commission which shall review the request and then inform the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House (or their respective designees) of the Commission's recommendation for approval or disapproval of the request. The final approval shall be given by the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House, or their designated representatives. Any approved non-governmental use must have the concurrence of the State official who controls the space to be used.

After approval is granted, it shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner of General Services to coordinate and manage the approved event pursuant to procedures filed with the State Capitol Commission. Representatives of the State Museum shall work with the Department of General Services to provide assistance in curatorial matters related to the approved event.