



Legislative Recap: Week of January 28th

Committees held organizational meetings this week. Each member of the committee and the committee staff was introduced. Many committees also heard presentations from guest speakers. The bill filing deadlines in both the House and the Senate are next week. The House bill filing deadline is February 6th and the bill filing deadline in the Senate is February 7th.

This week, Paul Rose won the Republican nomination in the special election to succeed former state Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris. Rose received 60% of the vote. George Chism followed receiving 14.4%. Rose will face democrat Eric Coleman in the general election in March.

Below is a list of legislation tracked for you during the 2019 session:

SB2/HB11 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Allows tailpipe testing for emissions.

Sponsors: Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Garrett, Johnny
Summary: Allows vehicle owners the choice of a tailpipe emissions test in certain situations.
Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status: 01/23/19 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 201, relative to motor vehicle inspection requirements.

SB38 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda ,
Summary: Enacts the "Affordable Rental Property Act," which requires THDA to annually research the availability of affordable rental housing in each county of the state and determine which counties have a shortage of affordable rental housing. Requires THDA, for counties having a shortage of affordable rental housing, to set annual county income limits for the following year that qualify different sizes of low-income households for affordable rental housing and to set monthly rental rates that may be charged. Specifies that the monthly rental rates shall be based on the size of the rental unit and the income limit for the size of a low-income household. Requires

THDA to provide the assessor of property in counties with a shortage of affordable rental housing and the state board of equalization with the applicable income limits and monthly rental rates. Requires the state board of equalization, in consultation with THDA, to create an application form for owners to use in applying to the assessor of property in a county in which there is a shortage of affordable rental housing for classification of rental housing as affordable rental property. Specifies other requirements for application process. Also specifies requirements for assessment of property that has been classified as affordable rental property.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB41/HB178 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Notice to TDOT regarding relocation of utilities on state right-of-way.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Increases the time a utility facility owner located in a state right-of-way has to respond to a second relocation notice and the time an owner has to file a reservation of rights notice with the department of transportation from ten days to 30 days. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructure.

SB42/HB179 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Report on status of the computerized titling and registration system.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Changes the required date the commissioner must appear before the transportation committee in the House and transportation and safety committee in the Senate from March 1 to March 15 annually to report the status of computerized titling and registration system.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

SB43/HB180 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Electronic reports on status of highway project reports.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Allows TDOT to provide general assembly members with electronic or print reports on the status of highway projects. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB44/HB181 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: County or city's certified highway map to be on website.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires a county or municipality to publish its certified highway map on the county or municipality's website, which must be accessible to the public, no less than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing on the map. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB45/HB182 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires county commissioners to report details of contracted road work within 60 days.

Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Howell, Dan

Summary: Requires the county commissioners to report the details of any work they may have had under contract to the county legislative body within 60 days of completion. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB52/HB289 EDUCATION: Award for first four courses taken under dual enrollment grant.

Sponsors: Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

Summary: Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) award \$500 for the first four courses taken under a dual enrollment grant. Requires TSAC to determine award course hour for courses five through eight, that cannot exceed the cost per credit hour at state community colleges. The act will apply to students applying for dual enrollment grants for the 2019-2020 school year.

Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to dual enrollment.

SB63 EDUCATION: Expands career and technical education programs to middle school students.

Sponsors: Sen. Robinson, Katrina ,

Summary: Expands career and technical education to grades six through twelve,. Program must be available to all students in grades six through twelve, with the program serving at least 50% of those students. Requires board of career and technical education to plan facilities for comprehensive career and technical training for middle school students.

Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to career and technical education.

SB176/HB201 TAXES PROPERTY: Affordable Rental Property Act.

Sponsors: Sen. Gilmore, Brenda , Rep. Jernigan, Darren

Summary: Requires THDA to create an annual report researching the availability of affordable housing in each county. Requires THDA to work with the state board of equalization to create an application for those searching in counties with scarce affordable

housing, establishing what is affordable property, along with creating a means of addressing the economic impact upon the owner.

Senate Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23; Title 67, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to affordable housing.

SB224/HB232 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Creates registry of tenants evicted through writs of possession.

Sponsors: Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford , John

Summary: Directs the housing development agency to create a registry of tenants who have been evicted through the execution of a writ of possession, which will be accessible to landlords in this state.

Senate Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23, relative to the Tennessee housing development agency.

SB332/HB332 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requires TDOT submit report on statutes regarding railroad transportation.

Sponsors: Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Whitson, Sam

Summary: Requires TDOT to submit an annual report to the governor, chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives, and comptroller of the treasury on conferences or conventions where the department confers with other state transportation departments and the interstate commerce commission on a draft of statutes that secure uniform control of railroad transportation in the states. Broadly captioned.

Senate Status: 01/31/19 - Introduced in the Senate

House Status: 01/31/19 - Introduced in the House

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 42; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

SB374/HB366 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Definition of a rickshaw.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Johnson, Curtis

Summary: Excludes a bicycle built for more than three (3) persons or any type of motorized scooter used by persons with disabilities from the definition of a rickshaw.

Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Filed for Introduction

House Status: 01/31/19 - Filed for Introduction

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to vehicles.

SB376 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Authority to impose a monitoring inspection fee on each manufactured home.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art ,

Summary: Removes the authority to impose a monitoring inspection fee on each manufactured home produced in Tennessee from the commissioner of commerce and insurance.

Senate Status: 01/30/19 - Filed for Introduction

Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13; Title 45; Title 47; Title 55; Title 62; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to manufactured homes.

SB393/HB51 TAXES PROPERTY: Collection of property taxes by banks - evidence of payments provided to trustee.

Sponsors: Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Whitson, Sam
Summary: Changes the frequency that banks that collect property taxes must provide evidence of such payments to the trustee from daily to at least every three business days. Deletes outdated references to penalties that are no longer applied and deletes and obsolete code section.
Senate Status: 01/31/19 - Filed for Introduction
House Status: 01/31/19 - Set for House Property & Planning Subcommittee 02/06/19.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to property taxes.

HB53 GOVERNMENT REGULATION: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms.

Sponsors: Rep. Potts, Jason
Summary: Requires that newly constructed houses be furnished with smoke alarms and recommends that all other new constructions have smoke alarms. Requires these smoke alarms have batteries that will operate continuously for at least 10 years.
House Status: 01/22/19 - Referred to House Business Subcommittee.
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.

HB262 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Requirement on funds from the 1986 gasoline tax.

Sponsors: Rep. Terry, Bryan
Summary: Deletes requirement that certain funds from the 1986 gasoline tax increases to be used only for specific highway projects during the 1986-87 and 1993-94 fiscal years.
House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54; Title 55; Title 64; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

HB275 PROPERTY & HOUSING: Requires housing development agency submit reports on blight elimination programs.

Sponsors: Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Requires the housing development agency submit a report on implementation of any amended policies to improve the agency's blight elimination program to the state and local government committee of both legislative houses by March 1 each year.
House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 68, relative to housing.

HB276 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Authorizes electronic quarterly highway project status reports to general assembly.

Sponsors: Rep. Freeman, Bob
Summary: Authorizes department of transportation to electronically provide the quarterly report to each member of the general assembly on the status of highway projects in the county or counties that the member represents.

House Status: 01/30/19 - Introduced in the House
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56 and Title 65, relative to transportation.

HB284 TAXES PROPERTY: Eliminates requirement of a report from the state board of equalization.

Sponsors: Rep. Leatherwood, Tom
Summary: Eliminates commissioner's duty to prepare and transmit a report to the general assembly on the first day of its organizational session of the work of the state board of equalization.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Introduced in the House
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to property taxes.

HB295 PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Certification for electrical inspectors contracted by local or state government.

Sponsors: Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary: Requires electrical inspectors employed by a local or state government to be certified by the state fire marshal and for this certification to be completed every three years. Declares that certain electrical inspectors contracted under the commissioner of commerce and insurance to be certified on and after January 1, 2020.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Introduced in the House
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to electrical inspectors.

HB314 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES: Instructors for online commercial driver training course.

Sponsors: Rep. Hicks, Gary
Summary: Specifies that it is unlawful for any person to act as an instructor for any commercial driver training school and to teach an online course without a current license to act as an instructor from the commissioner of the department of revenue.

House Status: 01/31/19 - Introduced in the House
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicles.

HB401 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL: Transit Improvement District Act.

Sponsors: Rep. Dunn, Bill
Summary: Declares that high capacity transit system require areas of high quality and economic opportunity to support investments and pedestrians of the area. Authorizes municipalities to create a transit improvement district with the broadest possible discretion in establishing these districts in cooperation with regional transportation authorities and municipalities. Declares that services within Knox and Blount counties will utilize property on which transportation infrastructure already exists. Defines costs, description, reimbursement, and payment of the transit projects that must be reported to the governing body. Defines the size and operation of the transit system, along with the timeframe of projects. (17 pp).

House Status: 01/31/19 - Filed for Introduction
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67, relative to transportation.

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EDUCATION: Opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

Sponsors:

Rep. Sparks, Mike

Summary:

Encourages schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships and apprenticeships for students.

House Status:

01/23/19 - Filed for Introduction

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