

2007

TCCA

Bill List

SB 0320 (Herron, Roy) / HB 0466 (Fitzhugh, Craig)

Removes the 100-acre limitation on exemption of land used for activities such as recreation, retreats, or sanctuaries and which is not necessary to support exempt structures or site improvements for property owned or used by religious, charitable, scientific, or educational membership nonprofit organizations chartered by the U.S. Congress. **TCCA OPPOSES** **Senate Status:** Taken off notice in Finance Tax Subcommittee 3/13. **House Status:** Deferred to 4/4 in State Government Subcommittee.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**SB 0880 (Ketrone, Bill) / HB 0433 (DuBois, J. Thomas)**

Prohibits county employees from serving on county legislative body. Exempts county employees who are currently serving on county legislative bodies. **TCCA OPPOSES** **Senate Status:** Referred to State & Local Government Committee. **House Status:** Deferred to 4/4 in Local Government Subcommittee.

SB 0719 (Stanley, Paul) / HB 0082 (Neal, Eddie)

Prohibits candidate from qualifying for or holding more than one elected local government office. **Senate Status:** Taken off notice on 3/20 in State & Local Government Committee 3/20. **House Status:** Deferred to 4/9 on House floor.

SB 1105 (Bunch, Dwayne) / HB 666 (Baird, William)

Requires any candidate for local elected office to show proof of high school diploma or GED. If there is an allegation that an official has falsely certified compliance, the municipal or county legislative body holds a hearing and, upon a finding by a majority of the members that the official does not meet this requirement, removes the disqualified official from office. Preserves terms of existing officials, but requires them to comply with this requirement before qualifying to be placed on the ballot in the future. **Senate Status:** Deferred to 4-3 in State and Local Government Committee. **House Status:** Deferred to 4-3 in Elections Subcommittee.

MISCELLANEOUS**SB 1088 (Burks, Charlotte) / HB 1004 (Curtiss, Charles)**

Requires all school buses purchased after July 1, 2007, to have a restraint system approved by the National Transportation Safety Board for all passengers and driver and requires all school buses in operation to be so equipped after July 1, 2019. **Senate Status:** Education Committee recommended on 3/7; Sent to Finance Committee. **House Status:** Recommended by Government Operations Committee on 3/21; sent to Education.

SB 1408 (Kilby, Tommy) / HB 1829 (Turner, Michael L.)

Enacts "Tennessee Deposit Beverage Container Act of 2007" **Senate Status:** Referred to Government Operations Committee. **House Status:** Referred to Government Operations Committee.

SB 0327 (McNally, James R.) / HB 0815 (McDaniel, Steve)

Extends the initial reporting deadline for the special joint committee to study open government laws until December 1, 2007. Extends final reporting deadline for such committee until February 1, 2008. **TCCA SUPPORTS** **Senate Status:** Passed on 3/5/07 by Senate. **House Status:** Set for 4-4 in Finance Budget Subcommittee.

Delay
Tactics**SB 1074 (McNally, James R.) / HB 1456 (Briley, Robert W.)**

Creates ombudsman's council for open government to ensure full and timely compliance with laws providing for public access to state governmental records and meetings. **TCCA OPPOSES** **Senate Status:** Taken off notice in Government Operations Committee on 3/12. **House Status:** Referred to Government Operations Committee.

Public Records