

SENATE BILL 354  
By Cooper

AN ACT relating to the privatization of fire protection.

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

SECTION 1. This act applies to any paid employee of a regularly constituted fire department in any municipality, city, county, or political subdivision within the state.

SECTION 2. A municipality, city, county, or political subdivision of the state may privatize fire protection or related services only if a majority of voters in the municipality, city, county, or political subdivision of the state authorize such action.

SECTION 3. The ballot of submission shall be in the following form:

Shall the {insert name of municipality, city, county, or political subdivision}  
contract with a private company for the provision of fire protection service?

YES

NO

SECTION 4. This act does not affect current contracts with private companies for the provision of fire protection services or related services in a municipality, city, county, or political subdivision which are in existence on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.