

SENATE BILL 3372

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 52, relative to broadband services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-601, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) The authorization provided in this section may be expanded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of the municipality or by a majority vote of approval by the voters voting on such question at a municipal election, to allow a municipal electric system providing services pursuant to subsection (a) to provide Internet, two-way video transmission, video programming, cable or like services within any area that is no more than ten (10) miles beyond the outer perimeter of the municipal electric system's service area.

(2) All services provided pursuant to this subsection (f) shall be provided over facilities using "fiber to the premises" architecture.

(3) A municipal electric system shall obtain the consent of each electric cooperative or municipal electric system in whose territory the municipal electric system will provide services pursuant to this subsection (f) prior to providing any such services outside of the municipal electric system's service area.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.