

SENATE BILL 3701

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6,
Chapter 19, relative to authorizing the imposition
of a fee to fund municipal fire departments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-19-101, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as subsection (b):

(b)

(1) In addition to the general powers of every city incorporated under chapters 18 through 22 pursuant to subsection (a), any city incorporated under such chapters that has not imposed a property tax and is located in a county having a charter form of government may, upon the adoption of an ordinance by a two thirds (2/3) vote impose a fee for the specific purpose of raising revenue to fund the construction and maintenance of a municipal fire station and fire department and for no other purpose.

(2) Any ordinance of a city imposing a fee for the specific purpose of raising revenue to fund the construction and maintenance of a municipal fire station and fire department shall not become operative until approved in a city election in the same manner as provided in § 67-6-706.

(3) Any city establishing a fee under this subsection shall provide in the ordinance a system for the collection and enforcement of fees authorized and imposed pursuant to this subsection.

(4) The amount of the fee shall initially be set by the city in the ordinance imposing the fee; the ordinance may provide for a means of increasing and decreasing the fee as determined by the city council. After the construction of

the fire station for which the fee is initially imposed, the city shall reduce the fee to reflect only the cost of maintenance of the fire station or operation of the municipal fire department unless an additional new fire station or stations are needed.

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