

Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 1

Amendment No. 2 to SB1832

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Signature of Sponsor**

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1832

House Bill No. 1871*

by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, is amended by adding the following language as a new chapter:

68-204-101.

(a) There is created a forum on Tennessee's great outdoors, to be composed of eleven (11) members, as follows:

(1) Four (4) members of the senate energy, agriculture and natural resources committee, to be appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(2) Four (4) members of the agriculture and natural resources committee of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3) One (1) member who represents the bureau of parks and conservation of the department of environment and conservation, to be appointed by the commissioner of environment and conservation;

(4) One (1) member who represents the wildlife resources agency, to be appointed by the executive director of the wildlife resources agency; and

(5) One (1) public member, to be appointed by the governor.

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(b) Appointments shall be made within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.

(c) The senate member of the forum with the most seniority as a senator shall set the date of the first meeting.

(d) During the forum's first meeting it shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson who shall both be members of the general assembly; provided, that the chairperson and vice chairperson shall not be members of the same chamber of the general assembly.

(e) In making appointments to the forum, the appointing authorities shall strive to ensure that the forum is composed of persons who are diverse in professional or educational background, ethnicity, race, gender, geographic residency, heritage, perspective, and experience.

68-204-102. Members of the forum on Tennessee's great outdoors are volunteers and shall serve without pay, except that nonlegislative members may be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with travel regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter. Members of the general assembly shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of § 3-1-106.

68-204-103. The forum on Tennessee's great outdoors shall be assisted by a twelve-member technical advisory committee composed of two (2)

representatives from each of the following departments, to be appointed by the respective commissioners or executive directors:

- (1) The department of agriculture, division of forestry;
- (2) The department of economic and community development;
- (3) The department of environment and conservation;
- (4) The wildlife resources agency;
- (5) The department of tourist development; and
- (6) The Tennessee historical commission.

68-204-104. The forum on Tennessee's great outdoors shall:

- (1) Evaluate and compile a list of five (5) major challenges to Tennessee's natural resources;
- (2) Evaluate and compile a list of recommended solutions aimed at addressing the five (5) major challenges facing Tennessee's natural resources;
- (3) Examine the status, quality, and needs of Tennessee's natural resources, including, but not limited to, private and public lands in this state, surface waters, fish and wildlife, forests, grasslands, wetlands, scenic resources, and ground water supplies;
- (4) Examine trend data and information concerning population, leisure, transportation, and other factors as they relate to the status of Tennessee's natural resources, including conducting an inventory of outdoor recreation resources and opportunities; and
- (5) Examine factors affecting the current and anticipated future supply and demand of outdoor recreation opportunities, including issues related to available land and facilities; outdoor recreation-related policies at the federal, state, and local levels; and funding available for the

purchase of new, and maintenance of existing, land and facilities, for adequate staffing, for the development and implementation of recreation programs, and for the enforcement of recreation-related laws and regulations.

68-204-105.

(a) The forum on Tennessee's great outdoors shall meet at least twice per quarter, and is authorized to conduct meetings throughout the state to receive input from the public relative to outdoor recreation and natural resources.

(b)

(1) Any member who misses more than fifty percent (50%) of the scheduled meetings in a six-month period shall be removed as a member of the forum.

(2) The chair of the forum shall promptly notify the appointing authority of any member who fails to satisfy the attendance requirement as prescribed in subdivision (b)(1).

68-204-106. The forum may solicit and receive information from private organizations, individuals, and academic institutions for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this chapter.

68-204-107. The forum on Tennessee's great outdoors shall submit a detailed report of its findings and recommendations, including, but not limited to, future natural resources and outdoor recreation needs and any suggested legislation, to the general assembly and the governor no later than December 30, 2017.

68-204-108. This chapter shall be repealed on December 30, 2017.

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