

SENATE BILL 2523

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to reopening a certain bridge spanning the Caney Fork and Collins Rivers between White and Warren counties.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) The bridge spanning the confluence of the Caney Fork and Collins Rivers, which is commonly known as the Great Falls Dam, shall be reopened for thoroughfare traffic connecting White and Warren counties.

(b) The general assembly finds:

(1) That the closure of the bridge described in subsection (a) hinders emergency vehicles' response times to the Rock Island State Park, which adds unnecessary time to first responders in the area of the state park and the Great Falls Gorge area; and

(2) The bridge described in subsection (a) has been in operation for several decades and promotes tourism and economic development to the rural area by virtue as a connector from secondary roads to State Route 287 to State Route 136.

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