

HOUSE BILL 555

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;  
Title 6; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 49, relative to the  
acquisition of vacant school buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A municipality may acquire by eminent domain pursuant to title 29, chapters 16 and 17, any school building owned by a county school system or city school system located within the municipality that is determined to be blighted or deteriorated. The municipality has the power to use any school building acquired by eminent domain to establish offices for the municipality to provide community services.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a municipality shall not acquire by eminent domain any underutilized or vacant property as defined in § 49-13-104.

(c) This section does not apply to a special school district.

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