

HOUSE BILL 1960
By Chumney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to authorizing counties and municipalities to allow electronic access to public records.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section _____. (a) The governing body of any county or municipality may provide by appropriate ordinance or resolution for the establishment and operation of a computerized electronic information system through which it may provide on a contractual basis direct access to public records. The county or municipality may make records available through the system only if the custodian of the records agrees in writing to allow public access under this section to the records.

(b) The county or municipality may:

- (1) Provide procedures for the establishment, maintenance, security, and operation of the computer electronic information system;
- (2) Establish criteria for users;
- (3) Delineate the public information to be available through the system;
- (4) Set a reasonable fee, charged under a contract, for use of the system; and
- (5) Consolidate billing and collection of fees and payments under one county department or office.

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

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