

**Conference Committee Report on
House Bill No. 475 / Senate Bill No. 279**

The House and Senate Conference Committee appointed pursuant to motions to resolve the differences between the two houses on House Bill No. 475 (Senate Bill No. 279) has met and recommends that all adopted Senate Amendments and all adopted House Amendments be deleted.

The Committee further recommends that the following amendment be adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 51, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

6-51-122.

(a)

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this part or any other law to the contrary, from April 15, 2013 through May 15, 2014, no municipality shall extend its corporate limits by means of annexation by ordinance upon the municipality's own initiative, pursuant to § 6-51-102, in order to annex territory being used primarily for residential or agricultural purposes; and, except as otherwise permitted pursuant to subdivision (a)(2), no such ordinance to annex such territory shall become operative during such period. As used in this subsection, "municipality" does not include any county having a metropolitan form of government.

(2) If, prior to April 15, 2013, a municipality formally initiated an annexation ordinance delayed by subdivision (a)(1); and if the municipality would suffer substantial and demonstrable financial injury if such ordinance does not become operative prior to May 15, 2014; then, upon petition by the municipality, the

county legislative body may, by a majority vote of its membership, waive the restrictions imposed on such ordinance by subdivision (a)(1).

(b) On or before January 14, 2014, the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) shall complete a comprehensive review and evaluation of the efficacy of state policies set forth within title 6, chapters 51 and 58, and shall submit a written report of findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

Senator Bo Watson

Representative Mike Carter

Senator Mark Green

Representative Matthew Hill

Senator Thelma Harper

Representative Bo Mitchell