

HOUSE BILL 361

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68
and Chapter 169 of the Private Acts of 1990,
relative to environmental protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding § 68-211-118 and Chapter 169 of the Private Acts of 1990, beginning on the date that this act becomes a law, the commissioner shall not grant a permit, variance, or waiver to construct or expand a landfill for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste if the location of the landfill is within five (5) miles of a residence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, is amended by adding the following as a new chapter:

68-218-101.

Upon the filing of a petition with the department of environment and conservation by ten (10) or more affected persons to request a meeting with a permittee found by the department to be in violation of title 68, chapter 201, 202, 211-213, 215-217, or 221, the department shall organize a meeting between the permittee and interested persons for a review of each violation and to allow the permittee to share information related to all remedial action taken by the permittee in response to each violation, including, but not limited to, improvements made at the site where the violation occurred. The meeting must be held within thirty (30) days of the date the petition is filed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.