

SENATE BILL 2516

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67,
Chapter 5, relative to real property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-2509(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (7):

(7)

(A) In lieu of the sale to private purchasers as provided in §§ 67-5-2507 and 67-5-2508, the proper officers of the state, the county, and the municipality, or any or all of the officers who have an interest in the property, may convey the property to a veteran meeting the conditions specified in this subdivision (c)(7), under any terms deemed appropriate to the officers.

(B) In order to receive property under this subdivision (c)(7), a veteran must:

(i) Provide documentation to the officers verifying the veteran's income does not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per year; and

(ii) Agree to bring the property into compliance with all applicable local building codes and ordinances within twelve (12) months of acquiring the property.

(C) Notwithstanding § 67-5-2803, property taxes on the property conveyed to the veteran must be waived until the property is in a safe and habitable condition, or twelve (12) months after conveyance to the veteran, whichever occurs first.

(D) A veteran may request conveyance of up to two (2) properties each calendar year upon demonstration of the veteran's ability to comply with the terms and conditions established by the officers.

(E) A veteran may:

(i) Use the property as a primary residence;

(ii) Maintain the property as rental property for the veteran's benefit;

(iii) Resell the property after the property has been brought into compliance with local building codes and ordinances, or twelve (12) months after conveyance to the veteran, whichever occurs first; or

(iv) Donate the property to another veteran or a nonprofit entity certified as a tax exempt entity under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)).

(F) As used in this subsection (c), "veteran" means a Tennessee resident who is a former member of the United States armed forces or a former member of a reserve or Tennessee national guard unit who was called into active military service of the United States, as defined in § 58-1-102, and who served honorably, as defined in § 49-7-102.

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