



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 620

### HOUSE BILL NO. 22

**By Representatives Davis, Sparks, Cepicky, Fritts, McCalmon, Rudd, Capley,  
Greg Martin, Howell, Reneau, Hardaway, Todd**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 178**

**By Senators Lowe, Bailey, Seal**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44, relative to public meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-112, is amended by designating subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and by adding the following as subdivision (a)(2):

(2)

(A) A local governing body shall, for each public meeting, reserve a period for public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment:

(i) On matters that are germane to the items on the agenda for the meeting; and

(ii) On any matter that is germane to the jurisdiction of the local governing body, regardless of whether such matter is an item on the agenda for the meeting.

(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(2), "local governing body" means the governing body of an incorporated city or town, county, metropolitan government, school district, regional authority, or other political subdivision of this state other than a state governmental agency or entity.

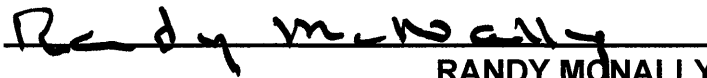
SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 12, 2026



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR