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## What about what the citizens want?

**SB0198 (Bunch) / HB0425 (Bell)**  
**SB1112 (Overbey) / HB1622 (McCord)**

**SB0198(Bunch)/HB0425(Bell)** – As introduced, requires approval of the general assembly before a permanent rule becomes effective, repeals provisions authorizing emergency and public necessity rules.

- This bill will create serious delays in the rule-making process.
- This bill grants too much power to the Legislative Branch – infringing on separation of powers.
- This bill neglects protection of our State’s health and environment if emergency rulings and/or public need actions cannot be taken during times the Legislature is not in session (which is usually from June-December each year).
- What happens if there is an emergency (like a coal ash spill) on December 22? Who will make emergency rulings to protect us then?



**SB1112 (Overbey) / HB1622 (McCord)** – Requires air and water quality rules be consistent with and not exceed the requirements of federal statutes. Provides if there are no federal statutes the state can create those regulations if necessary to protect health, welfare, or the environment. Prevents any permit from having requirements which are not the direct basis of existing rule.

- This bill prevents Tennessee from protecting its unique resources when the federal government doesn’t.
- This bill limits Tennesseans from making its own choices.

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