

SENATE BILL 2979

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69,
Chapter 3, relative to water quality.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 69-3-1__.

(a) Any water sample drawn to test the quality of the Pigeon River at the time such river enters Tennessee from Haywood County, North Carolina shall be drawn within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the border separating Tennessee and North Carolina in the center of the river. The sample shall only be drawn at a time when any power plant that emits discharges into the Pigeon River and is located within one (1) mile of the state border is running at least two (2) generators, if such power plant has two (2) or more generators. A water sample drawn from such location must meet both the apparent and true color standards established by the United States environmental protection agency.

(b) The department is authorized to contract with local rafting entities for transportation services related to the taking of samples pursuant to subsection (a).

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