

HOUSE BILL 2128

By Ogles

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 54 and Title 55, relative to roads of historical
or cultural significance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "historic road" means any public highway, road, or
street that:

(1) Is of historical or cultural significance in the settlement or
development of this state, or is historically important on a local, regional, or state
level;

(2) Is owned by this state or a political subdivision of the state; and

(3) Is designated as a historic road by the department pursuant to this
section.

(b) There is established a historic roads program ("the program"), to be
administered by the department.

(c) The department may designate roads to be included as part of the program
and may add or delete roads from the program.

(d) The department may not designate a road as a historic road without the
concurrence of the affected political subdivisions and the agencies responsible for
maintenance and operation of the historic road.

(e) The department may promulgate rules necessary to effectively administer
this section, including procedures for reviewing applications for nominating roads to the

program and recommendations of roads that should be included in or deleted from the program. Such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(a)(8), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (D):

(i) As used in this subdivision (a)(8)(D), "historic road" has the same meaning as defined in § 54-1-1__ (a).

(ii) A county legislative body or the commissioner may set weight limits on a historic road pursuant to this subdivision (a)(8) without conducting an engineering study.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.