

RESOLUTION NO. 1995-88

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION BY THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALLOWING THE LINE-ITEM VETO OF THE COUNTY BUDGET BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE REQUIREMENT OF A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO OVERRIDE A VETO BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WHEN AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Tennessee General Assembly which would allow a line-item veto of the county budget as adopted by the county commission, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Tennessee General Assembly which would change the authority and manner in which internal committees of the county legislative body are appointed, giving that authority to the county executive, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Tennessee General Assembly which would require a two-thirds majority vote by the county commission to override a veto of the county executive when allowed by current state statute, and

WHEREAS, in regard to all the legislation proposed as stated above, the county commission feels that the power and authority for these actions rests in the people of Weakley County through their selection of representatives on the Weakley County Commission, and to change the current authority for these actions would dilute and undermine the will of the majority of the people,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEAKLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1995, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Weakley County Commission is opposed to any legislation which would give the county executive a line-item veto of the county budget.

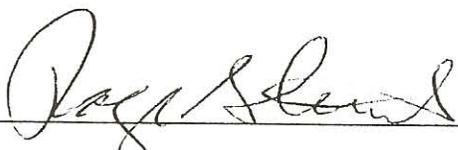
SECTION 2. The Weakley County Commission is opposed to any legislation which would transfer the authority to appoint internal committees of the county commission from the county commission to the county executive.

SECTION 3. The Weakley County Commission is opposed to any legislation which would increase the veto override provisions from a simple majority to a two-thirds majority vote of the county commission.

SECTION 4. The County Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to each elected representative of Weakley County in the Tennessee General Assembly.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

  
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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

  
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Chairman Legislative Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Vincent that the fore-  
going and hereto attached resolution be approved. Seconded by  
Commissioner Phebus. Upon being put to a roll call  
vote, motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

*In opposition to this resolution,  
unsigned by County Executive*  
Ron Gifford, County Executive

This the 18th day of September, 1995.