

State of Tennessee Statutes

Title 12 Public Property, Printing and Contracts Chapter 9 Interlocal Cooperation

12-9-102. Purpose. —

It is the purpose of this chapter to permit local governmental units the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities

12-9-103. Definitions. —

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Public agency" means:

(A) Any political subdivision of this state;

(B) Any private incorporated fire department and industrial fire department not supported by public funds or which are only partially supported by public funds;

(C) Any incorporated rescue squad that is not supported by public funds or that is only partially supported by public funds;

(D) Any agency of the state government or of the United States; and

(E) Any political subdivision of another state; and

(2) "State" means a state of the United States.

12-9-104. Interlocal agreements. —

(a)(1) Any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of this state, including those provided in § 6-54-307, may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this state having the power or powers, privilege or authority, and jointly with any public agency of any other state or the United States to the extent that laws of such other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise or enjoyment. Any agency of the state government when acting jointly with any public agency may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges and authority

12-3-216. Cooperative purchasing agreements. —

The commissioner of general services is authorized to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements with other states, local governments and higher education institutions; provided, that each contract is established through the use of competitive sealed bids and each procurement has the prior approval of the board of standards.