

CHAPTER NO. 276

HOUSE BILL NO. 898

By Representative Buck

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1483

By Senator Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, relative to proceedings involving condemnation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 16, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

29-16-1___. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in any case where a governmental entity accidentally or negligently causes substantial property damage, the appraised value recorded by the assessor of property for the year in which the damage occurred, divided by the state approved appraisal ratio for the county, shall be admissible into evidence as to the value of such property if such property owner:

- (1) Has no prior notice or knowledge that such damages would occur; and
- (2) Does not have a reasonably current appraisal preexisting the date of the property damage.

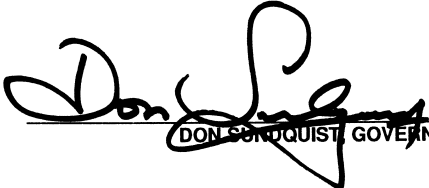
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 16, 2001


 JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


 JOHN S. WILDER
 SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2001


 DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR