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Waterworks System

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act purports to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 20. However, Title 53 contains only 14 chapters to date. The general law pertaining to Water and Waterworks Companies is found in Title 65, Chapter 27. This act is a public act of local application, and has not been codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of Title 53 of Tennessee Code Annotated is amended by adding a new section as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, any waterworks system in counties having a population of not less than 47,400 nor more than 50,000, according to the Federal Census of 1970, or any subsequent census, may use pipe made of poly vinyl chloride solvent weld, commonly known as and hereinafter referred to as PVC, for distribution of a public water supply, if it complies with the provisions of this section. The minimum requirements for the use of PVC pipe shall be the National Sanitation Foundation Standard 14, and U. S. Department of Commerce Standards PS-22-70, and the American Society for Testing and Material ASTM D2241-SDR-PR for potable water and all fittings approved by such standards applicable to the use of PVC pipe, including tapped couplings with AWWA and IPS tap and the minimum class of such pipe shall meet a standard of one hundred sixty (160) pounds per square inch working pressure.

SECTION 2. This Act shall not apply to counties of this state having populations, according to the U. S. Census of Population of 1970 or any subsequent census, as follows:

- not less than 17,300 nor more than 18,000
- not less than 24,300 nor more than 24,500
- not less than 58,000 nor more than 60,000
- not less than 13,000 nor more than 13,500
- not less than 29,100 nor more than 29,500
- not less than 43,000 nor more than 43,750
- not less than 15,000 nor more than 16,000
- not less than 45,000 nor more than 47,775
- not less than 22,000 nor more than 22,400
- not less than 29,000 nor more than 29,100

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
Passed: April 30, 1973.

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