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Sincerely,

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COMPILER'S NOTE: This act is probably superseded by the Metropolitan Code, Section 20-1-160.1, which adopts the regulations of the Tennessee Department of Public Health concerning private sewage disposal, effective July 10, 1974. Charter authority for the regulation of sewage is contained in Section 2.01(9).

SECTION 1. That in counties of this State having a population of not less than 300,000 nor more than 350,000 by the Federal Census of 1950, or any subsequent Federal Census, it shall be unlawful for any person to dig or maintain a well for that purpose of disposing of sewage, waste, or drainage of any kind.

SECTION 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to dump, transfer, drain or otherwise dispose of sewage, waste or drainage of any kind in a well. Nothing herein shall prevent such discharge into septic tanks and connecting disposal systems not over fifteen (15) feet in depth.

SECTION 3. That a well, as used herein, is defined as a hole dug or drilled vertically into the ground a distance of more than fifteen (15) feet from the land surface by hand or by machinery such as a cable tool, rotary drilling equipment or other means.

SECTION 4. That each person violating the provisions of this Act shall be subject to a fine of not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars upon conviction, and that each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. That the provisions of this Act shall become effective as of July 1, 1953, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 2, 1953.

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