

# H.R. 17

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## IN THE 142nd CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

July 3, 2021

**Representative Purdy** (for himself, Representative Lightwood,  
Senator Johnson,) introduced the following;

## An Act

*To require Tennessee Valley Authority board meetings to be transparent and open to the public, among further purposes.*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### **Section 1. Short Title**

(a) This Act may be cited as the “Tennessee Valley Authority Transparency Act”.

### **Section 2. Definitions**

(a) The term “Board” refers to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board as established under Section 2 of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933.

### **Sec. 3. Transparency and Availability of Meetings**

(a) Section 2(g)(2) of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 is amended to read as follows:

(2) Meetings. —

(A) In General. — The Board shall schedule regular meetings at least 4 times each year. Emergency Meetings as designated by the chairperson of the Board shall not count to the stipulated minimum meeting requirement.

- (B) Transparency. — The Board shall, with respect to any meeting of the Board or a subcommittee of the Board for which a vote is not scheduled —
- (i) Hold such meeting in public; and
  - (ii) Provide public notice of no fewer than 14 calendar days, through the website of the Board, of any such meeting; and
  - (iii) Make publicly available the minutes and summaries of any such meeting.
- (C) Emergency Meetings. — Subparagraph (B)(ii) shall not apply if the chairperson of the Board designates a meeting as an emergency special meeting.

#### **Sec. 4. Enactment**

- (a) The provisions of this Act shall come into force on January 1, 2022.