



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 5

**AN ORDER PLACING A 90-DAY REGULATORY FREEZE ON NEW RULES BY  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEPARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, a central goal of this Administration is to ensure that every Tennessean has access to a good job; and

**WHEREAS**, achieving this goal requires creating and attracting new and better jobs, which involves working to make Tennessee the best state in which to start, move, or operate a business or create a new job; and

**WHEREAS**, unduly burdensome regulation of business activity stifles competition and job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, making Tennessee the most job-friendly state requires a transparent and commonsense regulatory approach under which state government regulations appropriately weigh costs and benefits in order to facilitate, rather than discourage, job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, this Administration is committed to ensuring that regulations are issued only when necessary to protect or benefit Tennesseans and that regulations do not unduly burden the lives or careers of Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, such a regulatory approach will boost job creation by creating an environment that encourages self-improvement, entrepreneurship, and investment and avoids excessive governmental intrusion on the lives or careers of Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, implementing such an approach throughout the executive branch of state government requires placing a 90-day freeze on executive branch department rulemaking so that a framework can be developed for evaluating and weighing the costs and benefits of all proposed rules.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and the laws of Tennessee, do hereby direct and order that:

1. No department of the executive branch shall file a rule with the Secretary of State pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-206, 4-5-207, and 4-5-208.
2. The Governor may grant an exemption from the previous paragraph if he determines in his discretion that the immediate filing of a rule will promote effective and efficient government or protect the health, safety, or welfare of Tennesseans.
3. This Executive Order is intended only to improve the internal management of the Executive Branch of the State of Tennessee and does not create any right to administrative or judicial review, or any other right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the State of Tennessee, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.
4. This Order shall remain in effect through May 2, 2019, at which time it shall terminate and be of no further force or effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 1st day of February, 2019.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

