

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT UPDATE

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Inaugural Budget Road Show

For the first time in state history, budget hearings will take place outside of Nashville. Governor Bill Haslam announced on October 26 that portions of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget hearings will be hosted by the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the University of Memphis. The hearings, over which Governor Haslam and Finance and Administration Commissioner Mark Emkes will preside, will begin on November 2 and will be streamed live on www.tn.gov. The TN.gov Newsroom has the complete schedule and video announcement available at <http://news.tn.gov/node/7981>.

Redistricting Update

No news may not be good (or comforting) news for many state legislators who anticipate district changes in connection with census reapportionment next year. To date, House and Senate leadership have not made public any redistricting plans, and it is unclear when such plans will be made public. Most likely, the plans for reapportionment will be announced after the legislature reconvenes on January 10, 2012. Candidates for state office must file petitions to run by no later than noon on April 5, 2012.



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