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### **General Reduction of the Size of Government**

Like the federal government, the size of Tennessee's state government must be reduced. Besides the reduction in accommodating the Spanish language and services to Illegal Aliens, an examination must be made to see which agencies, especially administrative agencies, could be reduced in size and scope or eliminated. And yet while there are unnecessary agencies that are utilizing tax money, there are undoubtedly some agencies, which are under-funded and understaffed. And, the examination must look at how the efficiency of agencies could be improved, not necessarily looking to remove personnel, but have them function more efficiently and cost effectively - and removing offices and personnel if the examination shows that that is the case.

An example of a well performing agency is the Tennessee Department of Taxation. Whether or not I like paying my business related taxes, the department has a very effective customer service face to the public, and the website, save a few illogical procedures, is a well functioning website. Because Tennessee has sales based tax and no income tax, there is little interaction between the general public and the state vis a vis tax collection; and were this model introduced on the federal level would make all Americans much happier.