



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 187

SENATE BILL NO. 243

By Campfield

Substituted for: House Bill No. 548

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to garnishment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 26, Chapter 2, Part 2, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

26-2-225.

(a) A judgment debtor whose salaries, wages or other compensation are subject to a garnishment shall notify the judgment creditor who filed the writ of garnishment within ten (10) days, as computed in § 1-3-102, of obtaining any new employment. Notice to the judgment creditor shall be by certified mail and shall include the name, address and telephone number of the new employer. A judgment debtor who fails to provide notice of new employment in compliance with this section is in contempt of court and, upon the court making a determination of contempt, may be punished the same as contempt of court in a judicial proceeding. For purposes of a determination of contempt the debtor's notification of new employment to the judgment creditor shall be considered timely sent if mailed less than ten (10) days from the date of obtaining new employment.

(b) Any fees imposed by the clerk or any other party on the transfer of garnishment to the debtor's new employment shall be imposed on the debtor by adding the amount to the debt to be collected.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all garnishments filed after such date.

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PASSED: April 8, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR