

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 498

SENATE BILL NO. 1012

By Dickerson, Briggs, Gardenhire, Harris, Massey, Yarbro

Substituted for: House Bill No. 765

By Powell, Hardaway, Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to the qualifications of police officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding any citizenship requirement in a private act or charter provision to the contrary, a municipality, county, political subdivision of this state, or state law enforcement agency is authorized to employ a police officer who is a permanent legal resident of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces; provided, that the police officer applies for or obtains United States citizenship within six (6) years of the employment start date with the law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106(2), is amended by deleting the language "Be a citizen of the United States" and by substituting instead the language "Be a citizen of the United States, or a permanent legal resident of the United States who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces pursuant to § 38-8-105(d)".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2015

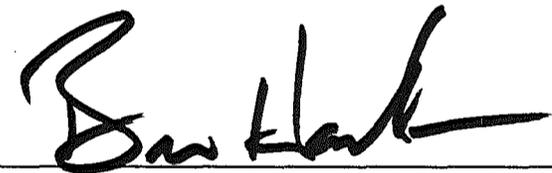


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20th day of MAY 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR