



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 969**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1782**

**By Lundberg**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1732

By Hulsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 10; Title 8, Chapter 47 and Title 16, relative to constables.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 10, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) If a constable elected under this part is indicted or formally charged with a misdemeanor involving gambling or moral turpitude or a felony, then the constable shall be placed on administrative leave by the court with jurisdiction over the criminal offense. The court shall issue an order placing such constable on administrative leave until the conclusion of the criminal prosecution.

(b) The court may hold a constable who does not comply with an order issued under subsection (a) in criminal contempt of court, pursuant to § 29-9-103.

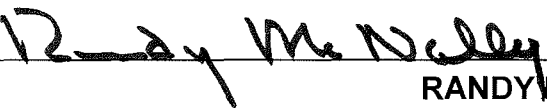
(c)(1) If a constable is placed on administrative leave under subsection (a), the clerk of court shall mail a copy of the court's order to the legislative body of the county in which the constable serves for purposes of temporarily filling the vacant seat of the constable, as necessary.

(2) If a constable is convicted of a misdemeanor involving gambling or moral turpitude or a felony, the clerk of court shall mail a certified copy of the conviction to the attorney general and reporter and the appropriate district attorney general, county attorney, and city attorney to determine whether ouster proceedings should be brought pursuant to chapter 47 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 14, 2022

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR