

SENATE BILL 282

By Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 20, relative to the appointment of deputies and assistants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-20-102, is amended by deleting the language "promptly" and substituting instead the language "within ninety (90) days set a hearing, absent good cause presented and accepted by the court,".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 20, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

( ) Attorneys' fees for petitions under this chapter are capped at fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The court may award additional fees only if a petition showing good cause is filed with and accepted by the court.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-20-102, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as new subsections:

( ) Discovery for petitions under this chapter is limited to the following:

(1) Materials and proof available to officials at the time of the budget presentation; and

(2) Materials and proof used by the budget committee, county commission, or mayor to rebut or decline the award of a salary increase.

( ) Use of depositions in disputes under this chapter is prohibited unless a petition showing good cause is filed with and accepted by the court.

( ) Any discovery or petition for additional discovery must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of filing.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to petitions filed on or after that date.