

SENATE BILL 849

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,
relative to county militias.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

58-1-307.

(a) In addition to any other militia authorized by this chapter, the county legislative body of any county may by a two-thirds vote authorize the sheriff of the county to establish a county militia as a reserve unit. The sheriff is authorized to temporarily activate the county militia in order to assist the sheriff during times of natural or other disaster, an emergency or other crisis within the county as determined by the sheriff in the sheriff's discretion.

(b) A county militia shall be a well-regulated unit within the county which shall temporarily assist the sheriff in maintaining the security of the county during such times of natural or other disaster, an emergency or other crisis. The sheriff shall determine the size of the county militia.

(c) Members of the county militia shall not be paid for their services.

(d) In addition to the sheriff, the adjutant general is authorized to activate any militia established by a sheriff for service in the county.

(e) Members of the county militia as well-regulated militia established by the sheriff shall be authorized to bear arms.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.