

SENATE BILL 2205

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-102, relative to qualifications for office.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-102(a)(9), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(9)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(9)(B), have at least:

(i) Three (3) years of full-time experience as a POST commission certified law enforcement officer in the previous ten (10) years or at least three (3) years of full-time experience as a state or federal certified law enforcement officer with training equivalent to that required by the POST commission in the previous ten (10) years; provided, that any person holding the office of sheriff on May 30, 2011, shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this subdivision (a)(9); or

(ii) In any county that authorizes this subdivision(a)(9)(A)(ii) upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the county legislative body, three (3) years of military service in the previous ten (10) years;

(B) Subdivision (a)(9)(A) shall not apply in any county having a metropolitan form of government where the sheriff does not have full law enforcement powers; and

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.