

SENATE BILL 312
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 3 relative to the rights of law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 3 is amended by adding the following new section:

Section ____.

(a) All full-time law enforcement officers, but excluding sheriffs and probationary members of any agency affected by this part, who otherwise do not have a property interest in their employment shall enjoy the minimum rights provided in this part, but only for those disciplinary allegations listed in subsection (b).

(b) Law enforcement officers, as defined in subsection (a), shall enjoy the procedural protections provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 38-8-302 --- 307, regarding notice and hearings only for disciplinary allegations which may result in the officer's dismissal or suspension without pay for twenty (20) or more working days.

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

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