

HOUSE BILL 1053

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-20-120, relative to sheriff's department funding for employees and salaries.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-20-120, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, county governing bodies shall fund the operations of the county sheriff's department. The sheriff may appoint such personnel as may be provided for in the budget adopted for such department. In the event a county governing body fails to budget any salary expenditure which is a necessity for the discharge of the statutorily mandated duties of the sheriff, the sheriff may seek a writ of mandamus to compel such appropriation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.