

SENATE BILL 2612

By Barnes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to sexual offenders and violent sexual offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-211, is amended by adding the following new subsection (f) and by redesignating accordingly:

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(1) While mandated to comply with the requirements of this chapter, any county, by a majority vote of its county legislative body, may limit the access of sexual offenders or violent sexual offenders to any or all public libraries located within the county.

(2) Access may be limited by prohibiting the offenders from entering all libraries in the county, or certain specified libraries. Access may also be limited by certain days of the week or by certain hours of the day.

(3) If a county elects to limit the access of sexual offenders or violent sexual offenders to some or all of its libraries in any manner pursuant to this subsection (f), any such limitations shall be prominently posted on all public entrances to any library for which there is a limitation of access.

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