

SENATE BILL 1658

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 8, Part 1 and Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1,
relative to requirements for office of sheriff.

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

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

(A)

(1) Possess a current and valid peace officer certification as issued by the peace officer standards and training commission as provided in § 38-8-107, and as defined in title 38, chapter 8, within twelve (12) months prior to the close of qualification for the election for the office of sheriff;

(2) In the event that certification for peace officer is inactive or no longer valid, proof of the intent to run for the office of sheriff shall be presented to the peace officer standards and training commission for approval to take the peace officer standards and training certification examination; provided, that all requirements are met as set forth in subdivisions (a)(1)-(8) and those set by the commission; or

(3) Provide sufficient proof that such person has been certified as completing the functional equivalent law enforcement training as is provided by the peace officer standards and training commission, whether or not such certification is currently valid.

(B) This subdivision (a)(9) shall not apply in any county having a metropolitan form of government where the sheriff does not have law enforcement powers.

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