

Amendment No. 1 to SB0342

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 342**

**House Bill No. 250\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-204(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(8)

(A) Any wildlife resource officer of the Tennessee wildlife resources agency (TWRA) may authorize payroll deductions for the payment of membership dues to be made from the officer's compensation for payment to an officers association of the TWRA, if:

(i) The officers association solicits membership from all wildlife resource officers of the TWRA;

(ii) The officers association grants the same rights and privileges of membership to all of its members;

(iii) The officers association provides equal services to its members;

(iv) The officers association has a membership of at least twenty percent (20%) of the currently employed wildlife resource officers of the TWRA; and

(v) The dues will not be used for political activities. For purposes of this subdivision (a)(8)(A)(v), "political activities" means electoral activities, independent expenditures, or expenditures made to any candidate, political party, or political action committee.

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(B) An association that meets the criteria in subdivisions (a)(8)(A)(i)-(v) and that seeks to accept the payment of membership dues through payroll deductions must file with the commissioner of finance and administration a statement that includes the specific number of wildlife officers employed by the TWRA who are members of the association. The commissioner may request the association to certify that it complies with the requirements of this subdivision. The department of finance and administration shall not make a final decision regarding an association's eligibility to receive automatic payroll deductions until the association is audited and approved by the comptroller of the treasury to accept the payment of membership dues under this subdivision (a)(8).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.