

HOUSE BILL 2896
By Bragg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 30 and Title 65, relative to the employees of the public service commission and its successor agency, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-304, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

() No later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act, the department of personnel shall prepare transfer plans which ensure that all persons who were public service commission employees on May 26, 1995, other than those persons in executive grade positions listed in Section 65-1-303(b), are employed in comparable positions within the receiving state departments or other departments of state government. The transition team shall not approve any plan so submitted which does not provide for continued employment of such persons. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no public service commission employee transferred to any other department of state government pursuant to the operation of Chapter 305 of the Public Acts of 1995 and to the transfer plans described herein, shall be required to take a reduction in salary as a condition of transfer. Such salary shall be based on the employee's salary as of the date of approval of a transfer plan by the transition team. If the salary of a transferred public service commission employee exceeds the salary range of the position to which such employee is transferred, then that employee shall not

receive future across the board pay increases until the transferred employee's salary is within the salary range.

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