

CHAPTER NO. 142

SENATE BILL NO. 1554

By Cooper, Miller

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1373

By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-213 and Section 38-3-102, relative to the powers and duties of the sheriff and the prevention and detection of crime.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-213, is amended by deleting the existing language and by adding the following new subsections:

(a) The sheriff and the sheriff's deputies are conservators of the peace, and it is the sheriff's duty to suppress all affrays, riots, routs, unlawful assemblies, insurrections, or other breaches of the peace, detect and prevent crime, arrest any person lawfully, execute process of law, and patrol the roads of the county.

(b) The sheriff shall furnish the necessary deputies to carry out the duties set forth in subsection (a), and if necessary may summon to such sheriff's aid as many of the inhabitants of the county as such sheriff thinks proper.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-3-102, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection:

(b) It shall be the duty of the sheriffs in their respective counties by themselves or deputies, to patrol the roads of the county, to ferret out crimes, to secure evidence of crimes, and to apprehend and arrest criminals.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 2, 2005**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 9th day of May 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR