

## CHAPTER 2024-120

### Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1704

An act relating to sheriffs in consolidated governments; amending s. 30.49, F.S.; authorizing sheriffs in a consolidated government, as well as all other sheriffs, to transfer funds after their budgets are approved by the board of county commissioners, city council, or budget commission; amending s. 30.53, F.S.; preserving the independence of a sheriff in a consolidated government concerning certain powers; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 30.49, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30.49 Budgets.—

(12) Notwithstanding any other law, and in order to effectuate, fulfill, and preserve the independence of sheriffs as specified in s. 30.53, a sheriff may transfer funds between the fund and functional categories and object and subobject code levels after his or her budget has been approved by the board of county commissioners, city council, or budget commission. This subsection shall apply to a sheriff in a consolidated government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3 or s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution or s. 9, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution.

Section 2. Section 30.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30.53 Independence of constitutional officials.—The independence of the sheriffs, including a sheriff in a consolidated government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3 or s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution or s. 9, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, shall be preserved concerning the purchase and procurement of supplies and equipment, selection of personnel, and the hiring, firing, and setting of salaries of such personnel; provided that nothing herein contained shall restrict the establishment or operation of any civil service system or civil service board created pursuant to s. 14, Art. III, of the State Constitution, provided, further that nothing contained in ss. 30.48-30.53 shall be construed to alter, modify or change in any manner any civil service system or board, state or local, now in existence or hereafter established.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor April 26, 2024.

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