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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the municipality of Gulf
Breeze, Santa Rosa County, and Escambia County;
providing for law enforcement jurisdiction on
the Bob Sikes Bridge; authorizing the
municipality of Gulf Breeze, Santa Rosa County,
and Escambia County to exercise law enforcement
jurisdiction over the entire length of the
bridge; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The municipality of Gulf Breeze, located in
Santa Rosa County, and the Counties of Santa Rosa and
Escambia, shall have and each is hereby granted, concurrent
law enforcement jurisdiction on the Bob Sikes Bridge, said
bridge connecting the two counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa
over a body of water known as the Intercoastal Waterway, and
shall be authorized to exercise the arrest power granted to
municipalities and counties over the entire length of the
bridge.

Section 2. When a person violates a municipal or
county ordinance or commits a misdemeanor within Escambia
County, or when any law enforcement officer of Escambia County
has reasonable grounds to believe that a person found within
Escambia County has committed or is committing a felony, law
enforcement officers of Escambia County may, in fresh and
continuous pursuit, whenever necessary to effect the arrest of
such person, pursue such person outside of Escambia County to
any point within a radius of 1 mile within Santa Rosa County

1 from the north end of the Bob Sikes Bridge and there arrest
2 him.

3 Section 3. When a person violates a municipal or
4 county ordinance or commits a misdemeanor within the corporate
5 limits of the municipality of Gulf Breeze, or when any law
6 enforcement officer of Gulf Breeze or Santa Rosa County has
7 reasonable grounds to believe that a person has committed or
8 is committing a felony, law enforcement officers of the
9 municipality of Gulf Breeze or Santa Rosa County may, in fresh
10 and continuous pursuit, whenever necessary to effect the
11 arrest of such person, pursue such person outside of the
12 municipality of Gulf Breeze or Santa Rosa County to any point
13 within a radius of 1 mile within Escambia County from the
14 south end of the Bob Sikes Bridge and there arrest him.

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
16 law.

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