

By Representative Merchant

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Palm Beach County; amending  
 3           ch. 93-367, Laws of Florida, as amended;  
 4           revising provisions relating to employees of  
 5           the Palm Beach County Sheriff; limiting  
 6           benefits to employees beyond the rank of  
 7           captain; deleting a provision which preserves  
 8           current benefits when a new sheriff takes  
 9           office; providing for construction; providing  
 10          an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 93-367, Laws of  
 15 Florida, as amended by chapter 96-450, Laws of Florida, is  
 16 amended to read:

17           Section 3. Preservation of employment benefits and  
 18 emoluments.--

19           (1) The provisions of this section shall apply to all  
 20 certified and noncertified persons in the employ of the  
 21 Sheriff of Palm Beach County, including deputy sheriffs, as  
 22 specified in section 1(2)(a) of chapter 93-367, Laws of  
 23 Florida, except that this section shall not apply to those  
 24 employees beyond the rank of captain or its civilian  
 25 equivalent.

26           ~~(2) Whenever a new sheriff takes office, the sheriff~~  
 27 ~~shall preserve current employment benefits and emoluments~~  
 28 ~~during the remainder of that fiscal year or 6 calendar months,~~  
 29 ~~whichever is greater.~~

30           (2)(3) ~~At all other times,~~ Existing employer-paid  
 31 benefits and emoluments with regard to the pay plan, longevity

1 plan, tuition-reimbursement plan, career-path program, health  
2 insurance, life insurance, and disability benefits may not be  
3 substantially reduced, except in the case of exigent  
4 operational necessity.

5 ~~(3)(4)~~ Nothing in this act shall preclude the sheriff  
6 from enhancing those benefits and emoluments for employees and  
7 appointees of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

8 (4) Nothing in this act shall be construed as  
9 affecting the budget-making authority and power of the Palm  
10 Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
12 law.

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