

1 public employer is the sheriff, the board of county
2 commissioners of the county served by the sheriff shall be
3 deemed to be the legislative body with respect to all
4 employees of the sheriff.

5 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 447.403, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 447.403 Resolution of impasses.--

8 (2)(a) If no mediator is appointed, or upon the
9 request of either party, the commission shall appoint, and
10 submit all unresolved issues to, a special magistrate
11 acceptable to both parties. If the parties are unable to agree
12 on the appointment of a special magistrate, the commission
13 shall appoint, in its discretion, a qualified special
14 magistrate. However, if the parties agree in writing to waive
15 the appointment of a special magistrate, the parties may
16 proceed directly to resolution of the impasse by the
17 legislative body pursuant to paragraph (4)(d). Nothing in this
18 section precludes the parties from using the services of a
19 mediator at any time during the conduct of collective
20 bargaining.

21 (b) If the Governor is the public employer, no special
22 magistrate shall be appointed. The parties may proceed
23 directly to the Legislature for resolution of the impasse
24 pursuant to paragraph (4)(d).

25 (c) If the sheriff is a public employer, the sheriff
26 may not preside over any stage of the impasse proceedings.
27 This does not preclude the sheriff, as a public employer, from
28 declaring an impasse or from being a party to an impasse
29 proceeding.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Defines the board of county commissioners as the "legislative body" with respect to employees of a county sheriff. Precludes the sheriff from presiding over certain impasse proceedings. Allows the sheriff to declare an impasse or be a party in impasse proceedings.