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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to arrest powers; amending s. 27.255,  
3 F.S.; authorizing investigators employed by state  
4 attorneys to serve specified writs of bodily attachment;  
5 providing an effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 27.255, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 27.255 Investigators; authority to arrest, qualifications,  
12 rights, immunities, bond, and oath.--

13 (1) Each investigator employed on a full-time basis by a  
14 state attorney and each special investigator appointed by the  
15 state attorney pursuant to the provisions of s. 27.251 is hereby  
16 declared to be a law enforcement officer of the state and a  
17 conservator of the peace, under the direction and control of the  
18 state attorney who employs him or her, with full powers of  
19 arrest, in accordance with the laws of this state. Such  
20 investigator may arrest any person for violation of state law or  
21 applicable county or city ordinances when such violation occurs  
22 within the boundaries of the judicial circuit served by the  
23 state attorney employing the investigator, except that arrests  
24 may be made out of said judicial circuit when hot pursuit  
25 originates within said judicial circuit. Such investigator  
26 shall, within the boundaries of the judicial circuit served by  
27 such state attorney, have full authority to serve any arrest  
28 warrant, search warrant, capias, writ of bodily attachment

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29 issued pursuant to s. 61.11, or court order issued by any court  
30 or judge within such judicial circuit in a criminal case, or in  
31 connection with a criminal investigation, when the same is  
32 directed to him or her. The investigator may serve, anywhere  
33 within the state, a witness subpoena issued by any court or  
34 judge within the state or issued in connection with a criminal  
35 investigation that arises anywhere within the state, provided  
36 that prior notice is given to the sheriff in whose county  
37 service will be attempted; however, failure to provide this  
38 notice to the sheriff does not affect the validity of the  
39 service. The investigator may carry weapons on or about his or  
40 her person in the same manner as other law enforcement officers.  
41 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.