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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the resolution of public employee
3 collective bargaining impasses; amending s. 447.203, F.S.;
4 specifying the legislative body when a public employer is
5 the sheriff; amending s. 447.403, F.S.; delineating the
6 role of the sheriff in declaring an impasse and in impasse
7 proceedings; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 447.203, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 447.203 Definitions.--As used in this part:

14 (10) "Legislative body" means the State Legislature, the
15 board of county commissioners, the district school board, the
16 governing body of a municipality, or the governing body of an
17 instrumentality or unit of government having authority to
18 appropriate funds and establish policy governing the terms and
19 conditions of employment and which, as the case may be, is the
20 appropriate legislative body for the bargaining unit. For
21 purposes of s. 447.403, the Board of Governors of the State
22 University System, or the board's designee, shall be deemed to be
23 the legislative body with respect to all employees of each
24 constituent state university. For purposes of s. 447.403 the
25 board of trustees of a community college shall be deemed to be
26 the legislative body with respect to all employees of the
27 community college. For the purposes of s. 447.403, if the public
28 employer is the sheriff, the board of county commissioners of the

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29 county served by the sheriff shall be deemed to be the
30 legislative body with respect to all employees of the sheriff.

31 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
32 section 447.403, Florida Statutes, to read:

33 447.403 Resolution of impasses.--

34 (2)

35 (d) If the public employer is a sheriff, the sheriff shall
36 not preside over any stage of the impasse proceedings. This does
37 not preclude the sheriff, as the public employer, from declaring
38 an impasse or from being a party to an impasse proceeding.

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.