

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to resolution of public employee
 3 collective bargaining impasses; amending s. 447.203, F.S.;
 4 specifying legislative body when public employer is the
 5 sheriff; amending s. 447.403, F.S.; delineating role of
 6 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
 23 be 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

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29 the 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.