

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to sheriffs in consolidated
 3 governments; amending s. 30.49, F.S.; authorizing
 4 sheriffs in a consolidated government, as well as all
 5 other sheriffs, to transfer funds after his or her
 6 budget is approved by the board of county
 7 commissioners, city council, or budget commission;
 8 amending s. 30.53, F.S.; preserving the independence
 9 of a sheriff in a consolidated government concerning
 10 certain powers; providing 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. Subsection (12) of section 30.49, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 30.49 Budgets.—

17 (12) Notwithstanding any other law, and in order to
 18 effectuate, fulfill, and preserve the independence of sheriffs
 19 as specified in s. 30.53, a sheriff may transfer funds between
 20 the fund and functional categories and object and subobject code
 21 levels after his or her budget has been approved by the board of
 22 county commissioners, city council, or budget commission. This
 23 subsection shall apply to a sheriff in a consolidated
 24 government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3 or s. 6(e), Art. VIII
 25 of the State Constitution.

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26 Section 2. Section 30.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to
27 read:

28 30.53 Independence of constitutional officials.—The
29 independence of the sheriffs, including a sheriff in a
30 consolidated government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3 or s.
31 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, shall be preserved
32 concerning the purchase of supplies and equipment, selection of
33 personnel, and the hiring, firing, and setting of salaries of
34 such personnel; provided that nothing herein contained shall
35 restrict the establishment or operation of any civil service
36 system or civil service board created pursuant to s. 14, Art.
37 III, of the State Constitution, provided, further that nothing
38 contained in ss. 30.48-30.53 shall be construed to alter, modify
39 or change in any manner any civil service system or board, state
40 or local, now in existence or hereafter established.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.