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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 their budgets
6 are approved by the board of county commissioners,
7 city council, or budget commission; amending s. 30.53,
8 F.S.; preserving the independence of a sheriff in a
9 consolidated government concerning certain powers;
10 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 or s. 9, Art. VIII of the State
26 Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the
27 State Constitution.

28 Section 2. Section 30.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to
29 read:

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30 30.53 Independence of constitutional officials.—The
31 independence of the sheriffs, including a sheriff in a
32 consolidated government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3 or s.
33 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution or s. 9, Art. VIII of
34 the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art.
35 VIII of the State Constitution, shall be preserved concerning
36 the purchase and procurement of supplies and equipment,
37 selection of personnel, and the hiring, firing, and setting of
38 salaries of such personnel; provided that nothing herein
39 contained shall restrict the establishment or operation of any
40 civil service system or civil service board created pursuant to
41 s. 14, Art. III, of the State Constitution, provided, further
42 that nothing contained in ss. 30.48-30.53 shall be construed to
43 alter, modify or change in any manner any civil service system
44 or board, state or local, now in existence or hereafter
45 established.

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