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S.B. No. 1453

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the recognition of certain officers as separate
3 collective bargaining units in certain counties that have adopted
4 The Fire and Police Employee Relations Act.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 174, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 174.1025 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 174.1025. RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS SEPARATE
9 BARGAINING UNITS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies
10 only to a county with a population of one million or more that
11 adopted this chapter after January 1, 2004, and in which the
12 sheriff's department has created a civil service system under
13 Subchapter B, Chapter 158.

14 (b) The commissioners court or other applicable public
15 employer of a county to which this section applies may recognize as
16 separate collective bargaining units:

17 (1) peace officers employed by the sheriff's
18 department of the county in positions funded by the law enforcement
19 budget of the sheriff's department; and

20 (2) officers employed by the sheriff's department of
21 the county in positions that are not funded by the law enforcement
22 budget of the sheriff's department.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.