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H.B. No. 2283

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the suspension or removal of a deputy sheriff.

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

SECTION 1. Section 85.003, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), a [A] deputy serves at the pleasure of the sheriff. The sheriff may revoke  
~~[However,~~ the appointment of a deputy ~~[is—revoked]~~ on the indictment of the deputy for a felony.

(f) A deputy who is included in the coverage of a civil service system created under Chapter 158 may be suspended or removed only for a violation of a civil service rule adopted under that system.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.