

1-1 By: Chavez (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 2283  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;  
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to  
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the suspension or removal of a deputy sheriff.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 85.003, Local Government Code, is  
1-12 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to  
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), a [A] deputy  
1-15 serves at the pleasure of the sheriff. The sheriff may revoke  
1-16 [However,] the appointment of a deputy [is revoked] on the  
1-17 indictment of the deputy for a felony.

1-18 (f) A deputy who is included in the coverage of a civil  
1-19 service system created under Chapter 158 may be suspended or  
1-20 removed only for a violation of a civil service rule adopted under  
1-21 that system.

1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-26 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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