

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the powers of a sheriff's department civil service  
3 commission in certain counties regarding an appeal of a  
4 disciplinary action.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 158.035, Local Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) In rendering a final decision regarding a disciplinary  
9 action by the department, the commission may only sustain,  
10 overturn, or reduce the disciplinary action. The commission may  
11 not enhance a disciplinary action by the department.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
13 to a decision made by a sheriff's department civil service  
14 commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A decision  
15 made by a sheriff's department civil service commission before the  
16 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the  
17 decision was made, and the former law is continued in effect for  
18 that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2168 was passed by the House on April 24, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2168 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor