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H.B. No. 2168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.