

1-1 By: Chavez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 2168
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2009;
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 14, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 14, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the powers of a sheriff's department civil service
1-9 commission in certain counties regarding an appeal of a
1-10 disciplinary action.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 158.035, Local Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-14 (d) In rendering a final decision regarding a disciplinary
1-15 action by the department, the commission may only sustain,
1-16 overturn, or reduce the disciplinary action. The commission may
1-17 not enhance a disciplinary action by the department.

1-18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-19 to a decision made by a sheriff's department civil service
1-20 commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A decision
1-21 made by a sheriff's department civil service commission before the
1-22 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
1-23 decision was made, and the former law is continued in effect for
1-24 that purpose.

1-25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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