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H.B. No. 3551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to positions that are exempt from a sheriff's department
civil service system in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 158.038, Local Government Code, is
amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
read as follows:

(b) The sheriff of a county with a population of 3.3 million
or less to which Subsection (b-1) does not apply may designate as
exempt from the civil service system:

(1) the position of chief deputy;

(2) four positions of major deputy;

(3) one or more positions in the office of
departmental legal counsel; and

(4) additional positions in the department; provided,
however, that the sheriff may not designate as exempt a total of
more than 10 positions.

(b-1) The sheriff of a county with a population of more than
1.5 million in which more than 75 percent of the population lives in
a single municipality may designate a total of 12 or fewer positions
in the sheriff's department as exempt from the civil service
system, including:

(1) the position of chief deputy;

(2) four or fewer positions of major deputy; and

1 (3) one or more positions in the office of
2 departmental legal counsel.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.