

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1066

(Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

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Washington County - Deputy Sheriffs

This bill increases the probationary period for a Washington County deputy sheriff from one to two years. After two years of continuous employment, a deputy sheriff at the rank of major or below has tenure and may only be discharged by the Washington County Sheriff for misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or insubordination.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the length of a Washington County deputy sheriff's probationary period and altering the rank at which a deputy sheriff has tenure would not materially impact county finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Washington County Sheriff must appoint a chief deputy. The sheriff may appoint deputy sheriffs and other personnel necessary to perform the duties of office at salary levels set by the county commissioners. The probationary period for a deputy sheriff is one year, during which time he/she may be dismissed by the sheriff for any reason. After one year of continuous employment a deputy sheriff at the rank of lieutenant or below has tenure, and may only be discharged by the Washington County Sheriff for misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or insubordination.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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