

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:139.1(C), relative to the crime of political payroll padding;
3 to provide relative to the exceptions to the crime of political payroll padding by a
4 sheriff; to provide for additional exceptions when no opponent qualifies to run
5 against an incumbent sheriff or when an incumbent sheriff's reelection has been
6 officially declared; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:139.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §139.1. Political payroll padding by sheriff; sale of assets of sheriff's office
10 prohibited

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12 C.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply when the increases or
13 decreases are necessitated by flood, invasion by common enemy, or other public
14 emergency. In addition, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any increase
15 based upon the utilization of additional revenue from a tax district election or to an
16 increase necessitated by the completion of a new or expansion of an existing prison
17 facility or an emergency communications call or dispatch center.

18 (2)(a) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to an incumbent sheriff,
19 against whom no person has qualified to run, for any transfers or increases that occur

1 after the date the qualifying period closes for the gubernatorial election through the
2 first day of July following the election.

3 **(b) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to an incumbent sheriff,**
4 **who is reelected to office, for any transfers or increases that occur after the date the**
5 **official election results are declared by the election official through the first day of**
6 **July following the election.**

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____