

SENATE No. 2045

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act transferring county sheriffs to the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

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3 SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 37 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
4 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second and third paragraphs and inserting
5 in place thereof the following paragraph:-

6 The sheriffs of the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk and of
7 the former counties of Berkshire, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex and
8 Worcester shall each receive a salary of \$123,209. The sheriff of the county of Dukes shall
9 receive a salary of \$97,271. The sheriff of the county of Nantucket shall receive a salary of
10 \$71,332.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 64D of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
12 sections 11to 13, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

13 Section 11. Except for Barnstable and Suffolk counties, there shall be established upon
14 the books of each county of a transferred sheriff, the government of which county has not been
15 abolished by chapter 34B or other law, a fund, maintained separate and apart from all other funds
16 and accounts of each county, to be known as the Deeds Excise Fund.

17 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, except for Barnstable and
18 Suffolk counties, on the first day of each month, 10.625 per cent of the taxes collected in the
19 county of a transferred sheriff under this chapter shall be transmitted to the Deeds Excise Fund
20 for each county. The remaining percentage of taxes collected under this chapter, including all
21 taxes collected under this chapter in Barnstable and Suffolk counties and all counties the
22 government of which has been abolished by chapter 34B or other law, but not including the
23 additional excise authorized in section 2 of chapter 163 of the acts of 1988, shall be transmitted
24 to and retained by the General Fund in accordance with section 10.

25 Section 12. (a) There shall be within the executive office for administration and finance a
26 county government finance review board to consist of the secretary of administration and finance
27 or his designee, the commissioner of revenue or his designee a county commissioner annually
28 selected by the Massachusetts Association of County Commissioners and the state auditor or his
29 designee. The secretary of administration and finance or his designee shall serve as chairperson
30 of the board.

31 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law or county charter to the contrary, the
32 annual or supplementary budget of a county shall not take effect until reviewed and approved by
33 the board. Except for Barnstable and Suffolk counties, the board shall not approve a budget of a
34 county unless it is satisfied that:

35 (1) the estimates of revenue are reasonable and adequate funding has been provided for
36 all necessary county expenditures;

37 (2) of the amounts deposited in the Deeds Excise Fund for each county from revenues
38 derived under this chapter: (i) not more than 60 per cent of the deposits shall be disbursed and
39 expended for meeting the costs of the operation and maintenance of the county; and (ii) not less
40 than 40 per cent shall be disbursed and expended for the automation, modernization and
41 operation of the registries of deeds; and

42 (3) with respect to funds appropriated for the purpose designated in subclause (ii) of
43 clause (2) and which are not dedicated to the Deeds Excise Fund in each county under section
44 11, the submitted proposed budget shall provide a continuing amount of expenditure of not less
45 than 102.5 per cent of the amount expended for that purpose in the preceding fiscal year.

46 In the case of Barnstable county, the board shall not approve a budget unless it is satisfied
47 that the estimates of revenue are reasonable and that adequate funding has been provided for all
48 necessary county expenditures.

49 (c) If a proposed budget is disapproved by the board, the county commissioners or a
50 successor body shall, with the approval of the county advisory board, if applicable, and within 30
51 days of notification of disapproval of the proposed budget, resubmit a revised proposed budget to
52 the board which addresses the board's concerns.

53 (d) The board shall develop guidelines for implementing this section.

54 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the offices of
55 the Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk county sheriffs are
56 hereby transferred to the commonwealth as provided in this act.

57 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all functions,
58 duties and responsibilities of the office of a transferred sheriff pursuant to this act including, but
59 not limited to, the operation and management of the county jail and house of correction, and any
60 other statutorily authorized functions of that office, are hereby transferred from the county to the
61 commonwealth.

62 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the government
63 of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk counties, except the
64 office of county sheriff, shall retain all existing authority, functions and activities for all purposes
65 including, but not limited to, the purposes established in chapters 34, 34A, 35 and 36 of the
66 General Laws or as otherwise authorized by this act. This act shall not affect the existing county
67 boundaries.

68 SECTION 6. All valid liabilities and debts of the office of a transferred sheriff which are
69 in force on the effective date of this act shall be obligations of the commonwealth as of that date,
70 except as may be otherwise provided in this act. All assets of the offices of a transferred sheriff
71 on the effective date of this act shall become assets of the commonwealth, except as otherwise
72 provided in this act.

73 SECTION 7. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all rights,
74 title and interest in real and personal property, including those real property improved upon
75 through construction overseen by the division of capital asset management and maintenance and

76 paid with commonwealth funds and which are controlled by the office of a transferred sheriff on
77 the effective date of this act including, without limitation, all correctional facilities and other
78 buildings and improvements, the land on which they are situated and any fixtures, wind turbines,
79 antennae, communication towers and associated structures and other communication devices
80 located thereon or appurtenant thereto, shall be transferred to the commonwealth, except as
81 otherwise provided in this act. This transfer of all buildings, lands, facilities, fixtures and
82 improvements shall be subject to chapter 7 of the General Laws and the jurisdiction of the
83 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance as provided therein, except as
84 otherwise provided in this act. The commonwealth shall take all necessary steps to ensure
85 continued access, availability and service to any assets transferred to the commonwealth under
86 this subsection, to a local or regional organization that currently uses such assets.

87 (b) If a transferred sheriff occupies part of a building or structure owned by a county, the
88 county shall lease that part of the building or structure to the commonwealth under reasonable
89 terms determined by the commissioner of the capital asset management and maintenance.

90 (c) The transfer under this section shall be effective and shall bind all persons, with or
91 without notice, without any further action or documentation. Without derogating from the
92 foregoing, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may, from time to
93 time, execute and record and file for registration with any registry of deeds or the land court, a
94 certificate confirming the commonwealth's ownership of any interest in real property formerly
95 controlled by the office of a transferred sheriff pursuant to this section.

96 (d) This section shall not apply to the land and buildings shown as Parcel C on a Plan of
97 Land in Braintree, Mass, dated October 2, 1997, prepared by County of Norfolk Engineering

98 Dept., 649 High Street, Dedham, filed at the Norfolk county registry of deeds in plan book 454,
99 page 128. (e) This section shall not apply to the former Barnstable county house of correction
100 located at the Barnstable County Complex on state highway route 6A in the town of Barnstable.

101 SECTION 8. Once the commonwealth has refinanced any outstanding bonds of the Plymouth
102 County Correctional Facility Corporation, said corporation shall be dissolved and its assets shall
103 be transferred to the commonwealth. The criminal detention facility constructed under chapter
104 425 of the acts of 1991 shall be transferred to the commonwealth. The revenue held by the
105 corporation in the Repair and Replacement and Capital Improvement Accounts shall be
106 transferred to the Plymouth Sheriff's Facility Maintenance Trust Account. The Plymouth sheriff
107 shall make expenditures from this account only for the maintenance, repair and replacement of
108 the sheriff's facilities.

109 SECTION 9. All leases and contracts of the office of a transferred sheriff which are in
110 force on the effective date of this act shall be obligations of the commonwealth and the
111 commonwealth shall have authority to exercise all rights and enjoy all interests conferred upon
112 the county by those leases and contracts except as may be otherwise provided in this act.

113 SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, beginning in
114 fiscal year 2010 and thereafter until terminated, Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk,
115 and Plymouth counties shall appropriate and pay to their respective county retirement boards,
116 and any other entities due payments, amounts equal to the minimum obligations to fund from
117 their own revenues in fiscal year 2009 the operations of the office of the sheriff for the purpose
118 of covering the unfunded county pension liabilities and other benefit liabilities of the retired
119 sheriff's office employees that remain in the county retirement systems, as determined by the
120 actuary of the public employee retirement administration commission. Pursuant to section 20 of

121 chapter 59 of the General Laws, the state treasurer shall assess the city of Boston and remit to the
122 State-Boston retirement system an amount equal to the minimum obligation of Suffolk county to
123 fund from its own revenues in fiscal year 2009 the operations of the office of the sheriff. The
124 secretary of administration and finance shall establish a plan for county governments to pay off
125 these unfunded county pension liabilities and shall establish an amortization schedule to
126 accomplish this task. These payments shall remain in effect for the duration of that amortization
127 schedule, which shall not exceed the funding schedule established by the respective county
128 retirement board. If the unfunded pension liability of retirees exceeds any county's minimum
129 obligation to fund operations from its own revenues as set forth in this section, the retirement
130 system for such county may extend its pension funding schedule to the extent necessary to
131 eliminate that excess unfunded pension liability. In the case of any such county, when the county
132 has paid such unfunded pension liabilities in full, or the county has completed the amortization
133 schedule as established under this section, whichever occurs first, the county's obligation to
134 make payments of its minimum obligations to fund its sheriff's office operations, as determined
135 under this section, shall terminate.

136 In fiscal year 2010 and succeeding years, if the amount that represents 31.875 per cent of
137 deeds excise collections in a county exceeds the cost of the operation of the office of the sheriff,
138 including health insurance and retirement costs, such county shall provide sufficient deeds excise
139 revenue to the commonwealth to fund those costs as identified by the general appropriations act
140 for that fiscal year. Any deeds excise revenue of the 31.875 per cent collected by a county that is
141 in excess of the costs of operations of the office of the sheriff as identified in the annual state
142 budget shall remain with the county's Deeds Excise Fund to fund obligations of the county under
143 section 1 of chapter 64D of the General Laws. Amounts in this paragraph shall be as determined

144 by the secretary of administration and finance, in consultation with the appropriate sheriff and
145 county officials.

146 SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any funds
147 including, but not limited to county correctional funds and other sources of income and revenue,
148 to the credit of the office of a transferred sheriff on June 30, 2009, shall be paid to the state
149 treasurer, but the county treasurer may pay appropriate fiscal year 2009 sheriff's department
150 obligations after June 30, 2009. Payment of obligations to be charged to the sheriff's fiscal year
151 2009 budget as approved by the county government finance review board shall be within that
152 budget or shall be approved by the secretary of administration and finance.

153 SECTION 12. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and except
154 for all counties the governments of which have been abolished by chapter 34B or other law,
155 revenues of the office of sheriff in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth and
156 Suffolk counties for civil process, inmate telephone and commissary funds, shall remain with the
157 office of sheriff.

158 (b) In order to encourage innovation and enterprise, each sheriff's office shall annually
159 confer with the house and senate committees on ways and means regarding that sheriff's efforts
160 to maximize and maintain grants, dedicated revenue accounts, revolving accounts, fee for service
161 accounts and fees and payments from the federal, state and local governments and other such
162 accounts and regarding which revenues shall remain with the sheriff's office.

163 (c) Any sheriff who has developed a revenue source derived apart from the state treasury
164 may retain that funding to address the needs of the citizens within that county.

165 (d) Any unencumbered carry-forward deeds excise or other funds to the credit of the
166 sheriff on June 30, 2009 shall be paid to the state treasurer.

167 (e) Notwithstanding any general or special law or county charter to the contrary, regional
168 services and contracts for such services, including, but not limited to, regional communication
169 centers and law enforcement support, shall continue until expired, terminated or revoked under
170 the terms of the agreement or contract for such services.

171 SECTION 13 (a) All employees of the office of transferred sheriff, including those who
172 on the effective date of this act hold permanent appointment in positions classified under chapter
173 31 of the General Laws or those who have tenure in their positions by reason of section 9A of
174 chapter 30 of the General Laws or do not hold such tenure, are hereby transferred to that
175 transferred sheriff as employees of the commonwealth, without interruption of service within the
176 meaning of said section 9A of said chapter 30 or said chapter 31 and without reduction in
177 compensation or salary grade.

178 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, employees of the office of
179 a transferred sheriff shall continue to retain their right to collectively bargain pursuant to chapter
180 150E of the General Laws and shall be considered sheriff's office employees for the purposes of
181 said chapter 150E.

182 (c) All petitions, requests, investigations and other proceedings duly brought before the
183 office of a transferred sheriff or duly begun by that sheriff and pending on the effective date of
184 this act, shall continue unabated and remain in force, but shall be assumed and completed by the
185 office of a transferred sheriff.

186 (d) All orders, rules and regulations duly made and all approvals duly granted by a
187 transferred sheriff which are in force on the effective date of this act, shall continue in force and
188 shall thereafter be enforced until superseded, revised, rescinded or canceled in accordance with
189 law by that sheriff.

190 (e) All books, papers, records, documents and equipment which, on the effective date of
191 this act, are in the custody of a transferred sheriff shall be transferred to that sheriff.

192 (f) All duly existing contracts, leases and obligations of a transferred sheriff shall
193 continue in effect. An existing right or remedy of any character shall not be lost or affected by
194 this act.

195 SECTION 14. The rights of all employees of each office of a transferred sheriff shall
196 continue to be governed by the terms of collective bargaining agreements, as applicable. If
197 collective bargaining agreement has expired on the transfer date, the terms and conditions of
198 such agreement shall remain in effect until a successor agreement is ratified and funded.

199 SECTION 15. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a transferred
200 sheriff in office on the effective date of this act shall become an employee of the commonwealth
201 with salary to be paid by the commonwealth. The sheriff shall remain an elected official for the
202 purposes of section 159 of chapter 54 of the General Laws. The sheriff shall operate pursuant to
203 chapter 37 of the General Laws. The sheriff shall retain administrative and operational control
204 over the office of the sheriff, the jail, the house of correction and any other occupied buildings
205 controlled by a transferred sheriff upon the effective date of this act. The sheriff and sheriff's
206 office shall retain and operate under all established common law power and authority and
207 consistent with chapters 126 and 127 of the General Laws and any other relevant General Laws.

208 SECTION 16. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a transferred
209 sheriff shall be considered an "employer" as that term is defined in section 1 of chapter 150E of
210 the General Laws for the purposes of said chapter 150E. The sheriff shall also have power and
211 authority as employer in all matters including, but not limited to, hiring, firing, promotion,
212 discipline, work-related injuries and internal organization of the department.

213 SECTION 17. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
214 contrary, the sheriff, special sheriff, deputies, jailers, superintendents, deputy superintendents,
215 assistant deputy superintendants, keepers, officers, assistants and other employees of the office
216 of a transferred sheriff, employed on the effective date of this act in the discharge of their
217 responsibilities set forth in section 24 of chapter 37 of the General Laws and section 16 of
218 chapter 126 of the General Laws shall be transferred to the commonwealth with no impairment
219 of employment rights held on the effective date of this act, without interruption of service,
220 without impairment of seniority, retirement or other rights of employees, without reduction in
221 compensation or salary grade and without change in union representation. Any collective
222 bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this act shall continue in effect and the
223 terms and conditions of employment therein shall continue as if the employees had not been so
224 transferred. Nothing in this section shall confer upon any employee any right not held on the
225 effective date of this act or prohibit any reduction of salary, grade, transfer, reassignment,
226 suspension, discharge layoff or abolition of position not prohibited before the effective date of
227 this act. Such employees shall not be considered new employees for salary, wage, tax, health
228 insurance, Medicare or any other federal or state purposes, but shall retain their existing start and
229 hiring date, seniority and any other relevant employment status through the transfer.

230 (b) All demands, notices, citations, writs and precepts given by a sheriff, special sheriff,
231 deputy, jailer, superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant deputy superintendent, keeper,
232 officer, assistant or other employee of the office of a transferred sheriff, as the case may be, on or
233 before the effective date of this act shall be valid and effective for all purposes unless otherwise
234 revoked, suspended, rescinded, canceled or terminated.

235 (c) Any enforcement activity imposed by a sheriff or special sheriff or by any deputies,
236 jailers, superintendents, deputy superintendents, assistant deputy superintendents, keepers,
237 officers, assistants or other employees of the office of a transferred sheriff before the effective
238 date of this act shall be valid, effective and continuing in force according to the terms thereof for
239 all purposes unless superseded, revised, rescinded or canceled.

240 (d) All petitions, hearings appeals, suits and other proceedings duly brought against and
241 all petitions, hearings, appeals, suits, prosecutions and other legal proceedings begun by a sheriff,
242 special sheriff, deputy, jailer, superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant deputy
243 superintendent, keeper, officer, assistant or the employee of the office of a transferred sheriff, as
244 the case may be, which are pending on the effective date of this act shall continue unabated and
245 remain in force notwithstanding the passage of this act.

246 (e) All records maintained by a sheriff or special sheriff or by any deputies, jailers,
247 superintendents, deputy superintendents, assistant deputy superintendents, keepers, officers,
248 assistants and other employees of the office of a transferred sheriff on the effective date of this
249 act shall continue to enjoy the same status in a court or administrative proceeding, whether
250 pending on that date or commenced thereafter, as they would have enjoyed in the absence of the
251 passage of this act.

252 SECTION 18. All officers and employees of the office of a transferred sheriff transferred
253 to the service of the commonwealth shall be transferred with no impairment of seniority,
254 retirement or other rights of employees, without reduction in compensation or salary grade and
255 without change in union representation, except as otherwise provided in this act. Any collective
256 bargaining agreement in effect for transferred employees on the effective date of this act shall
257 continue as if the employees had not been so transferred until the expiration date of the collective
258 bargaining agreement. Nothing in this section shall confer upon any employee any right not held
259 on the effective date of this act prohibit any reduction of salary, grade, transfer, reassignment,
260 suspension, discharge, layoff or abolition of position not prohibited before that date.

261 SECTION 19. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, employees
262 or retired employees of the office of a transferred sheriff and the surviving spouses of retired
263 employees of the office of a transferred sheriff who are eligible for group insurance coverage as
264 provided in chapter 32B of the General Laws or who are insured under said chapter 32B, shall
265 have that eligibility and coverage transferred to the group insurance commission effective 4
266 months after the effective date of this act and those employees shall cease to be eligible or
267 insured under said chapter 32B. These employees shall not be considered to be new employees.
268 The group insurance commission shall provide uninterrupted coverage for group life and
269 accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket insurance providing
270 hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits to the extent authorized
271 under chapter 32A of the General Laws. Employees who were covered by a collective bargaining
272 agreement on the effective date of this act shall continue to receive the group insurance benefits
273 required by their respective collective bargaining agreements until a successor agreement is
274 ratified and funded.

275 (b) The human resources division of the executive office for administration and finance
276 shall assume the obligations of the office of a transferred sheriff to employees who become state
277 employees and who are covered under a health and welfare trust fund agreement established
278 under section 15 of chapter 32B of the General Laws pursuant to a collective bargaining
279 agreement until the expiration date of the collective bargaining agreement

280 (c) The group insurance commission shall evaluate, in consultation with appropriate
281 county officials and county treasurers, the value of any monies in a claims trust fund established
282 pursuant to section 3A of said chapter 32B of the General Laws that would otherwise have been
283 reserved for claims made by employees of a transferred sheriff. Any monies therein shall be
284 transferred to the group insurance commission on the effective date of this act.

285 SECTION 20. Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or
286 special laws to the contrary, the retirement system in the county of a transferred sheriff shall
287 continue pursuant to this section and shall be managed by the retirement board as provided in
288 this section. Employees of a transferred sheriff who retired on or before the effective date of this
289 act shall be members of the county retirement system, which shall pay the cost of benefits
290 annually to such retired county employees and their survivors. The annuity savings funds of the
291 employees of transferred sheriffs who become state employees pursuant to this act shall be
292 transferred from that county retirement system to the state retirement system, which shall
293 thereafter be responsible for those employees, subject to the laws applicable to employees whose
294 transfer from one governmental unit to another results in the transfer from one retirement system
295 to another, except for paragraph (c) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of said chapter 32. All other
296 provisions governing the retirement systems of the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes,
297 Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk shall remain in effect.

298 SECTION 21. County commissioners, county sheriffs, county treasurers, county
299 retirement systems, the State-Boston retirement system, and all executive branch agencies and
300 officers shall cooperate with the secretary of administration and finance in effecting the orderly
301 transfer of the county sheriffs to the commonwealth. The secretary may establish working groups
302 as considered appropriate to assist in the implementation of the transfer.

303 SECTION 22. There shall be a special commission to consist of 10 members, 1 of whom
304 shall be a member of the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, 1 of whom shall be a county
305 commissioner of a county of a transferred sheriff as appointed by the chairs of the county
306 commissioners of the counties of transferred sheriffs 2 of whom shall be appointed by the
307 speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of
308 the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, 1 of
309 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate and 2 of whom shall be appointed
310 by the governor for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the
311 reorganization or consolidation of sheriffs' offices, to make formal recommendations regarding
312 such reorganization or consolidation and to recommend legislation, if any, to effectuate such
313 recommendations relating to the reorganization, consolidation, operation, administration,
314 regulation, governance and finances of sheriffs' offices.

315 The chairman of the commission shall be selected by its members. Section 2A of chapter
316 4 of the General Laws shall not apply to said commission. So long as a member of the
317 commission discloses, in writing, to the state ethics commission any financial interest as
318 described in section 6, 7 or 23 of chapter 268A of the General Laws which may affect the
319 members work on the commission, the member shall not be deemed to have violated said section
320 6, 7 or 23 of said chapter 268A. Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum and

321 a majority of all members present and voting shall be required for any action voted by the
322 commission including, but not limited to, voting on formal recommendations or recommended
323 legislation.

324 The commission, as part of its review, analysis and study and in making such
325 recommendations regarding the reorganization, consolidation, operation, administration,
326 regulation, governance and finances of sheriffs' offices, shall focus on and consider the
327 following issues, proposals and impacts:

328 (1) the possible consolidation, elimination or realignment of certain sheriffs' offices and
329 the potential cost savings and other efficiencies that may be achieved by eliminating,
330 consolidating and realigning certain sheriffs' offices to achieve pay parity;

331 (2) any constitutional, statutory or regulatory changes or amendments that may be
332 required in order to effectuate any such consolidation or reorganization;

333 (3) the reallocation of duties and responsibilities of sheriffs' office as a consequence of
334 any such consolidation or reorganization;

335 (3 1/2) the best management practices associated with the current use of civil process
336 funds, including the amount of civil process funds collected by each county sheriff and the actual
337 disposition of said funds currently, and, in the event of consolidation, realignment, elimination or
338 reorganization, the collection and use of civil process fees in the future; and

339 (4) the consideration of any other issues, studies, proposals or impacts that, in the
340 judgment of the commission, may be relevant, pertinent or material to the study, analysis and
341 review of the commission.

342 All departments, divisions, commissions, public bodies, authorities, boards, bureaus or
343 agencies of the commonwealth shall cooperate with the commission for the purpose of providing
344 information or professional expertise and skill relevant to the responsibilities of the commission
345 subject to considerations of privilege or the public records law.

346 The commission shall submit a copy of a final report of its findings resulting from its
347 study, review, analysis and consideration, including legislative recommendations, if any, to the
348 governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, the chairs of the house
349 and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on state
350 administration and regulatory oversight and the clerk of the house of representatives not later
351 than June 1, 2010.

352 SECTION 23. A sheriff transferred under this act shall provide a detailed account to the
353 secretary of administration and finance of all contracts entered into before July 1, 2009;
354 provided, however, that for any contracts entered into after April 1, 2009, the contract shall not
355 be approved without the approval of the secretary of administration and finance. The account
356 shall include, but not be limited to, descriptions of the nature of the contract, the length of the
357 contract and amounts currently owed.

358 SECTION 24. Not less than 90 days after the effective date of this act, a sheriff
359 transferred under this act shall provide to the secretary of administration and finance a detailed
360 inventory of all property in the sheriff's possession which shall include, but not be limited to
361 vehicles, weapons, office supplies and other equipment.

362 SECTION 25. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.