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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND NINE

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

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

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

11 Section 11. Except for Barnstable and Suffolk counties, there shall be established upon
12 the books of each county of a transferred sheriff, the government of which county has not been

13 abolished by chapter 34B or other law, a fund, maintained separate and apart from all other
14 funds and accounts of each county, to be known as the Deeds Excise Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all functions,
56 duties and responsibilities of the office of a transferred sheriff pursuant to this act including, but
57 not limited to, the operation and management of the county jail and house of correction, and any

58 other statutorily authorized functions of that office, are hereby transferred from the county to the
59 commonwealth.

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

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

71 SECTION 7. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all rights,
72 title and interest in real and personal property, including those real property improved upon
73 through construction overseen by the division of capital asset management and maintenance and
74 paid with commonwealth funds and which are controlled by the office of a transferred sheriff on
75 the effective date of this act including, without limitation, all correctional facilities and other
76 buildings and improvements, the land on which they are situated and any fixtures, wind
77 turbines, antennae, communication towers and associated structures and other communication
78 devices located thereon or appurtenant thereto, shall be transferred to the commonwealth,
79 except as otherwise provided in this act. This transfer of all buildings, lands, facilities, fixtures
80 and improvements shall be subject to chapter 7 of the General Laws and the jurisdiction of the

81 commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance as provided therein, except as
82 otherwise provided in this act. The commonwealth shall take all necessary steps to ensure
83 continued access, availability and service to any assets transferred to the commonwealth under
84 this subsection, to a local or regional organization that currently uses such assets.

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

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

94 (d) This section shall not apply to the land and buildings shown as Parcel C on a Plan of
95 Land in Braintree, Mass, dated October 2, 1997, prepared by County of Norfolk Engineering
96 Dept., 649 High Street, Dedham, filed at the Norfolk county registry of deeds in plan book 454,
97 page 128. (e) This section shall not apply to the former Barnstable county house of correction
98 located at the Barnstable County Complex on state highway route 6A in the town of Barnstable.

99 SECTION 8. Once the commonwealth has refinanced any outstanding bonds of the
100 Plymouth County Correctional Facility Corporation, said corporation shall be dissolved and its
101 assets shall be transferred to the commonwealth. The criminal detention facility constructed
102 under chapter 425 of the acts of 1991 shall be transferred to the commonwealth. The revenue
103 held by the corporation in the Repair and Replacement and Capital Improvement Accounts shall

104 be transferred to the Plymouth Sheriff's Facility Maintenance Trust Account. The Plymouth
105 sheriff shall make expenditures from this account only for the maintenance, repair and
106 replacement of the sheriff's facilities.

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

111 SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, beginning in
112 fiscal year 2010 and thereafter until terminated, Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk,
113 and Plymouth counties shall appropriate and pay to their respective county retirement boards,
114 and any other entities due payments, amounts equal to the minimum obligations to fund from
115 their own revenues in fiscal year 2009 the operations of the office of the sheriff for the purpose
116 of covering the unfunded county pension liabilities and other benefit liabilities of the retired
117 sheriff's office employees that remain in the county retirement systems, as determined by the
118 actuary of the public employee retirement administration commission. Pursuant to section 20 of
119 chapter 59 of the General Laws, the state treasurer shall assess the city of Boston and remit to
120 the State-Boston retirement system an amount equal to the minimum obligation of Suffolk
121 county to fund from its own revenues in fiscal year 2009 the operations of the office of the
122 sheriff. The secretary of administration and finance shall establish a plan for county
123 governments to pay off these unfunded county pension liabilities and shall establish an
124 amortization schedule to accomplish this task. These payments shall remain in effect for the
125 duration of that amortization schedule, which shall not exceed the funding schedule established
126 by the respective county retirement board. If the unfunded pension liability of retirees exceeds

127 any county's minimum obligation to fund operations from its own revenues as set forth in this
128 section, the retirement system for such county may extend its pension funding schedule to the
129 extent necessary to eliminate that excess unfunded pension liability. In the case of any such
130 county, when the county has paid such unfunded pension liabilities in full, or the county has
131 completed the amortization schedule as established under this section, whichever occurs first,
132 the county's obligation to make payments of its minimum obligations to fund its sheriff's office
133 operations, as determined under this section, shall terminate.

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

144 SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any funds
145 including, but not limited to county correctional funds and other sources of income and revenue,
146 to the credit of the office of a transferred sheriff on June 30, 2009, shall be paid to the state
147 treasurer, but the county treasurer may pay appropriate fiscal year 2009 sheriff's department
148 obligations after June 30, 2009. Payment of obligations to be charged to the sheriff's fiscal year

149 2009 budget as approved by the county government finance review board shall be within that
150 budget or shall be approved by the secretary of administration and finance.

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

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

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

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

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

169 SECTION 13 (a) All employees of the office of transferred sheriff, including those who
170 on the effective date of this act hold permanent appointment in positions classified under
171 chapter 31 of the General Laws or those who have tenure in their positions by reason of section

172 9A of chapter 30 of the General Laws or do not hold such tenure, are hereby transferred to that
173 transferred sheriff as employees of the commonwealth, without interruption of service within
174 the meaning of said section 9A of said chapter 30 or said chapter 31 and without reduction in
175 compensation or salary grade.

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

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

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

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

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

193 SECTION 14. The rights of all employees of each office of a transferred sheriff shall
194 continue to be governed by the terms of collective bargaining agreements, as applicable. If

195 collective bargaining agreement has expired on the transfer date, the terms and conditions of
196 such agreement shall remain in effect until a successor agreement is ratified and funded.

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

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

211 SECTION 17. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
212 contrary, the sheriff, special sheriff, deputies, jailers, superintendents, deputy superintendents,
213 assistant deputy superintendants, keepers, officers, assistants and other employees of the office
214 of a transferred sheriff, employed on the effective date of this act in the discharge of their
215 responsibilities set forth in section 24 of chapter 37 of the General Laws and section 16 of
216 chapter 126 of the General Laws shall be transferred to the commonwealth with no impairment
217 of employment rights held on the effective date of this act, without interruption of service,

218 without impairment of seniority, retirement or other rights of employees, without reduction in
219 compensation or salary grade and without change in union representation. Any collective
220 bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this act shall continue in effect and the
221 terms and conditions of employment therein shall continue as if the employees had not been so
222 transferred. Nothing in this section shall confer upon any employee any right not held on the
223 effective date of this act or prohibit any reduction of salary, grade, transfer, reassignment,
224 suspension, discharge layoff or abolition of position not prohibited before the effective date of
225 this act. Such employees shall not be considered new employees for salary, wage, tax, health
226 insurance, Medicare or any other federal or state purposes, but shall retain their existing start
227 and hiring date, seniority and any other relevant employment status through the transfer.

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

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

238 (d) All petitions, hearings appeals, suits and other proceedings duly brought against and
239 all petitions, hearings, appeals, suits, prosecutions and other legal proceedings begun by a
240 sheriff, special sheriff, deputy, jailer, superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant deputy

241 superintendent, keeper, officer, assistant or the employee of the office of a transferred sheriff, as
242 the case may be, which are pending on the effective date of this act shall continue unabated and
243 remain in force notwithstanding the passage of this act.

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

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

260 SECTION 19. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, employees
261 or retired employees of the office of a transferred sheriff and the surviving spouses of retired
262 employees of the office of a transferred sheriff who are eligible for group insurance coverage as
263 provided in chapter 32B of the General Laws or who are insured under said chapter 32B, shall

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

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

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

284 SECTION 20. Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or
285 special laws to the contrary, the retirement system in the county of a transferred sheriff shall
286 continue pursuant to this section and shall be managed by the retirement board as provided in

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

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

302 SECTION 22. There shall be a special commission to consist of 10 members, 1 of whom
303 shall be a member of the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, 1 of whom shall be a county
304 commissioner of a county of a transferred sheriff as appointed by the chairs of the county
305 commissioners of the counties of transferred sheriffs 2 of whom shall be appointed by the
306 speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of
307 the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, 1 of
308 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate and 2 of whom shall be appointed
309 by the governor for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the

310 reorganization or consolidation of sheriffs' offices, to make formal recommendations regarding
311 such reorganization or consolidation and to recommend legislation, if any, to effectuate such
312 recommendations relating to the reorganization, consolidation, operation, administration,
313 regulation, governance and finances of sheriffs' offices.

314 The chairman of the commission shall be selected by its members. Section 2A of
315 chapter 4 of the General Laws shall not apply to said commission. So long as a member of the
316 commission discloses, in writing, to the state ethics commission any financial interest as
317 described in section 6, 7 or 23 of chapter 268A of the General Laws which may affect the
318 members work on the commission, the member shall not be deemed to have violated said
319 section 6, 7 or 23 of said chapter 268A. Four members of the commission shall constitute a
320 quorum and a majority of all members present and voting shall be required for any action voted
321 by the commission including, but not limited to, voting on formal recommendations or
322 recommended legislation.

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

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

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

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

334 (3 1/2) the best management practices associated with the current use of civil process
335 funds, including the amount of civil process funds collected by each county sheriff and the
336 actual disposition of said funds currently, and, in the event of consolidation, realignment,
337 elimination or reorganization, the collection and use of civil process fees in the future; and

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

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

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

351 SECTION 23. A sheriff transferred under this act shall provide a detailed account to the
352 secretary of administration and finance of all contracts entered into before July 1, 2009;
353 provided, however, that for any contracts entered into after April 1, 2009, the contract shall not
354 be approved without the approval of the secretary of administration and finance. The account

355 shall include, but not be limited to, descriptions of the nature of the contract, the length of the
356 contract and amounts currently owed.

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

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