



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing an additional unclassified position in the King County sheriff's office from the state civil service system for county sheriff's employees.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. In 1958, the people of this state approved by initiative a civil service system for county sheriffs' employees. The system provides for competitive hiring procedures and terminations only for just cause. Terminations are reviewable by a locally appointed civil service commission.
2. State law allows a sheriff with a staff of five hundred one or more employees to have ten positions designated as unclassified service or exempt from the civil service system.
3. By the power granted in RCW 41.14.070(4), the county legislative authority may grant a sheriff up to twenty additional unclassified positions.
4. The King County sheriff's office currently has thirteen unclassified positions, which are exempt from the state civil service system for county sheriff's employees.
5. The position of chief financial officer in the sheriff's office has a close relationship to the sheriff and manages the budget for the office. While this is the type of position that is typically exempt from civil service rules, it is not currently included in the positions designated as unclassified and exempt from civil service rules.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. By the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in RCW 41.14.070, the position of chief financial officer - sheriff's office in the King County's sheriff's office is hereby designated as unclassified and exempt from the state civil service system for county sheriff's employees.

SECTION 2. RCW 41.14.070 grants the sheriff the ability to designate ten unclassified positions that are exempt from the state civil service system for sheriff's employees. By the power conferred upon the county legislative authority in RCW 41.14.070(4), with the addition of the chief financial officer - sheriff's office position,

the King County sheriff's office is now authorized four additional unclassified positions for a total of fourteen unclassified positions.