

HB0299



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0299

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-6012.1

Amends the Counties Code. Removes the provision that court security officers shall be subject to a Sheriff's Merit Commission for disciplinary purposes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
5 3-6012.1 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-6012.1)

7 Sec. 3-6012.1. Court security officers. The sheriff of any
8 county in Illinois with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants may
9 hire court security officers in such number as the county board
10 shall from time to time deem necessary. Court security officers
11 may be designated by the Sheriff to attend courts and perform
12 the functions set forth in 3-6023. Court security officers
13 shall have the authority to arrest; however, such arrest powers
14 shall be limited to performance of their official duties as
15 court security officers. Court security officers may carry
16 weapons, upon which they have been trained and qualified as
17 permitted by law, at their place of employment and to and from
18 their place of employment with the consent of the Sheriff. The
19 court security officers shall be sworn officers of the Sheriff
20 and shall be primarily responsible for the security of the
21 courthouse and its courtrooms. The court security officers
22 shall be under the sole control of the sheriff of the county in
23 which they are hired. ~~If a county has a Sheriff's Merit~~

1 ~~Commission, court security officers shall be subject to its~~
2 ~~jurisdiction for disciplinary purposes.~~ They are not regular
3 appointed deputies under Section 3-6008. The position of court
4 security officer shall not be considered a rank when seeking
5 initial appointment as deputy sheriff under Section 3-8011.

6 Every court security officer hired on or after the
7 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996 shall serve a
8 probationary period of 12 months during which time they may be
9 discharged at the will of the Sheriff.

10 (Source: P.A. 89-685, eff. 6-1-97.)